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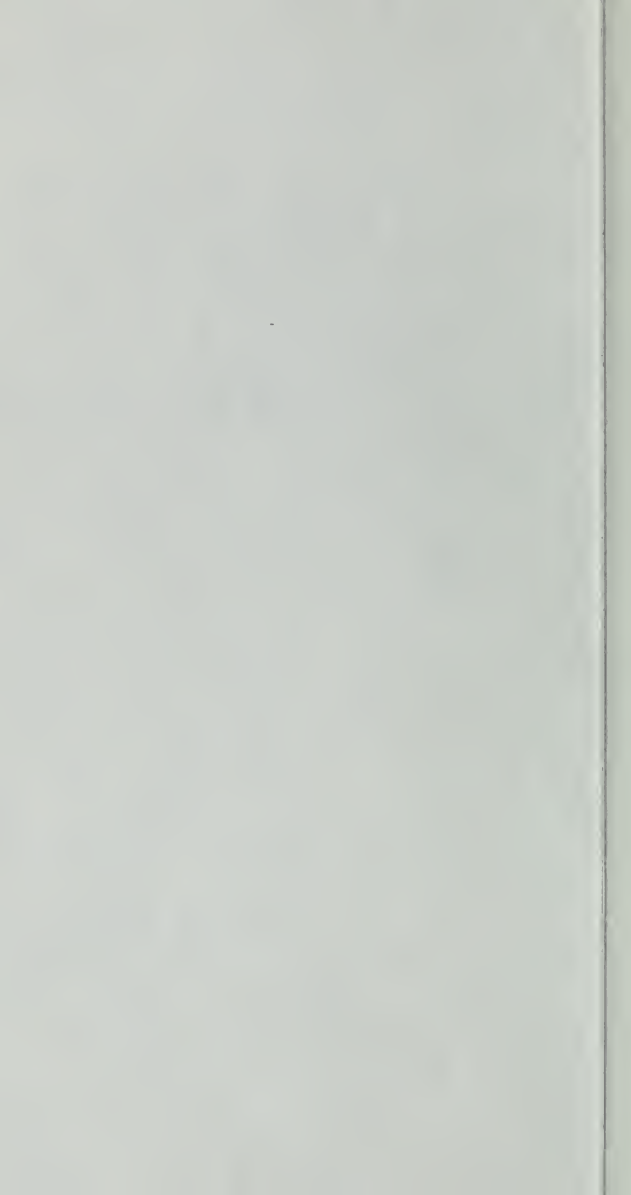
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A Message to Alumni...

FROM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR DOUGLAS R. MILLS AND
HEAD COACH RAY ELIOT

ILLINOIS OPENS ITS SIXTY-SECOND year of intercollegiate football Sept. 29 when The Fighting Illini meet U.C.L.A. from the Pacific Coast in Memorial Stadium. Throughout this period our teams have established and maintained the tradition of good college football stemming from an athletic program which is well-balanced and educationally sound.

We have every hope that the 1951 team will be a credit and an honor to the University of Illinois, its ideals, and its traditions. Through this prospectus, prepared by the Athletic Publicity Office, the Athletic Association and the Alumni Association have cooperated to give members of the latter organization a fair and factual report on Football at Illinois.

This information is being sent to you in lieu of the Ray Eliot Letter which was published periodically in 1950. It is our hope that it will furnish you with many moments of pleasant reading about the history of Illinois football, past achievements, and present hopes and plans. We know you'll be following the fortunes of your football team as it goes through a rugged nine-game schedule this fall. We earnestly ask that you do not build your hopes beyond reason; at the same time we point out that no apology will be forthcoming for the efforts of fine young men who will do their best to uphold the honor of their school.

It is not possible in any field of human endeavor to be forever victorious. We teach young men to live by the Illini Code of Sportsmanship, "to win without boasting; to lose without excuses." It's our sincere wish that you be guided by these same sound principles which have gained honor and respect for The Fighting Illini in every field of athletics.

DOUGLAS R. MILLS '30
Director of Athletics
RAY ELIOT '32
Head Football Coach

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UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS 1951 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

IN MEMORIAL STADIUM

Sept. 29 ("I" Men's Day).....	U. C. L. A.
	1:30 p.m. (CDT)	\$3.60
Oct. 6 (Chicago Day)	WISCONSIN
	1:30 p.m. (CST)	\$3.60
Nov. 3 (Dad's Day)	MICHIGAN
	1:30 p.m. (CST)	\$3.60
Nov. 10 (Homecoming)	IOWA
	1:30 p.m. (CST)	\$3.60

GAMES AWAY

Oct. 13 Syracuse at Syracuse, N. Y.	
	2:00 p.m. (EST)	\$3.60
Oct. 20 Washington at Seattle, Wash.	
	2:00 p.m. (PST)	\$4.00
Oct. 27 Indiana at Bloomington, Ind.	
	1:30 p.m. (CST)	\$3.60
Nov. 17 Ohio State at Columbus, Ohio	
	2:00 p.m. (EST)	\$3.50
Nov. 24 Northwestern at Evanston, Ill	
	1:30 p.m. (CST)	\$3.50

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DOUGLAS R. MILLS

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Director of Athletics.....Douglas R. Mills '30
Ticket Manager.....George A. Legg '35
Supervisor of Publicity.... Charles E. Flynn '34

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Faculty — Professor Robert G. Bone, Professor Charles H. Bowman, Professor Leslie A. Bryan, Professor Paul N. Landis.

Alumni — Lawrence A. Peterson '31 (baseball manager), Evanston; Robert W. Riegel '37 (track and basketball), Tolono; Harry E. Schlenz '27 (basketball manager), Glencoe.

Officers of Board — Peterson, president; Professor Landis, vice-president; Professor Bone, secretary.

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ATHLETIC STAFF

Head Football Coach.....Ray Eliot '32
Head Basketball Coach.....Harry A. Combes '37
Head Baseball Coach.....Walter H. Roettger '24
Head Track Coach.....Leo T. Johnson
Head Wrestling Coach.....Buel R. Patterson
Head Swimming Coach.....Edwin J. Manley
Head Fencing Coach.....Maxwell R. Garret
Head Tennis Coach.....Howard J. Braun '36
Head Golf Coach.....Ralph E. Fletcher '21
Head Gymnastics Coach.....Charles P. Pond
Supervisor of Intramurals.....Allen B. Klingel
Supervisor of Personnel.....John G. Pace
Team Physicians.....Dr. I. W. Bach, Dr. L. M. T. Stilwell '24
Team Dentist.....Dr. W. F. Johnston
Supervisor of Golf Course, Ice Rink.....H. A. Webb
Head Trainer.....Elmer I. Hill

ILLINOIS 1950 RESULTS

Illinois.....	28,	Ohio University.....	2
Illinois.....	6,	Wisconsin.....	7
Illinois.....	14,	U. C. L. A.....	6
Illinois.....	20,	Washington.....	13
Illinois.....	20,	Indiana.....	0
Illinois.....	7,	Michigan.....	0
Illinois.....	21,	Iowa.....	7
Illinois.....	14,	Ohio State.....	7
Illinois.....	7,	Northwestern.....	14

Season Record: Won 7, Lost 2, Pct. .778

1950 BIG TEN FOOTBALL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	PCT.	TP	OP
Michigan	4	1	1	.750	96	60
Ohio State	5	2	0	.714	218	72
Wisconsin	5	2	0	.714	109	71
ILLINOIS	4	2	0	.667	75	35
Northwestern	3	3	0	.500	82	107
Iowa	2	4	0	.333	81	159
Minnesota	1	4	1	.250	40	109
Purdue	1	4	0	.200	69	112
Indiana	1	4	0	.200	41	86

1951 ILLINOIS FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

Head Coach — Ray Eliot, Illinois '32

Varsity Coaches — Louis Agase, Illinois '48, line; Mel Brewer, Illinois '40, line; Ralph Fletcher, Illinois '21, backs; Burt Ingwersen, Illinois '20, line; Leo T. Johnson, Millikin '21, chief scout; Robert King, Furman '37, ends; Charles Purvis, Illinois '40, backs.

HISTORICAL FACTS ON ILLINOIS' 1951 RIVALRIES

OPPONENT	GAME IN SERIES	ILLINOIS	SERIES BEGAN
U. C. L. A.	— Third	W 2 L 0 T 0	1947
WISCONSIN	— Twenty-Eighth	W 11 L 12 T 4	1895
SYRACUSE	— Third	W 2 L 0 T 0	1909
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON	— Second	W 1 L 0 T 0	1950
INDIANA	— Twenty-Fifth	W 16 L 6 T 2	1899
MICHIGAN	— Thirty-Seventh	W 11 L 25 T 0	1898
IOWA	— Thirty-Second	W 20 L 9 T 2	1899
OHIO STATE	— Fortieth	W 15 L 22 T 2	1902
NORTHWESTERN	— Forty-Fifth	W 20 L 21 T 3	1892



RAY ELIOT

ILLINOIS FOOTBALL COACHES

HEAD COACH RAY ELIOT

Respected for his ability, feared for spirited, hard-to-beat teams, Ray Eliot enters his tenth year as head football coach at University of Illinois after having risen to top rank in his field in America.

Besides producing a Western Conference title and a Rose Bowl championship, Eliot has fielded teams in four other years which were contenders until final games of the seasons. Groundwork of personality, untiring attention to detail, solid character, and leadership have paid off for Eliot as a big-time football coach.

Genial Ray served four years as head football coach at Illinois College and five years as line assistant to Bob Zuppke before taking over as head coach of the Illini in 1942, 10 years following his graduation from Illinois.

Eliot's teams gave opponents trouble from the start. The Illini upset mighty Minnesota and posted a .600 percentage in 1942. They played to the hilt, although undermanned, and did better than expected during war years. Then the veterans returned in 1946 and the title team, anticipated for 1943, was produced.

Since 1947, Eliot teams have been the most colorful in Illinois history. The 1949 squad led the league in rushing and total offense. In 1950, the Illini posted a 7-2 record, one of the best in the Middle West, ranked as one of the nation's best defensive teams, and missed the Rose Bowl assignment by a touchdown.

Eliot's spirit and ability to work with college men have made his clubs live up to the traditional name, "The Fighting Illini."

Born: June 13, 1905

Home Town: Brighton, Mass.

ILLINOIS FOOTBALL COACHES

LINE COACH LOUIS AGASE

One of three brothers who have gained athletic fame at Illinois, Louis Agase competed in three sports, football, wrestling, and track, earning letters in all as a freshman in 1944. He then confined activities to football and became one of the best all-around tackles in the Big Ten.

Lou played with Illinois' conference champions in 1946, in the Rose Bowl Jan. 1, 1947, with the East squad in the 1948 Shrine game in San Francisco, and with the College All-Stars in 1948.

Agase became head football and track coach at Paxton, Ill., high school in September, 1948. He also introduced wrestling in that school and coached its first team in 1949. He returned to the Illinois staff as J-V football coach in 1950.

Born: Aug. 2, 1924

Home Town: Evanston, Ill.

FRESHMAN COACH MELVIN BREWER

Since freshmen are eligible for varsity competition in the Big Ten in 1951, Freshman Coach Mel Brewer has joined the Varsity staff. Brewer was captain of the Illini in 1939 and an outstanding guard for three seasons.

Following graduation from Illinois, Brewer was line coach at Wabash College in 1940, backfield coach at DePauw University in 1941, then entered the Navy from which he was later discharged because of knee ailment.

Mel served a year on the Illinois school of physical education staff in 1943-44 after which he went to Illinois Wesleyan as head football coach and subsequently athletic director. He returned to his alma mater in 1947.

Born: Oct. 5, 1918

Home Town: Carbondale, Ill.

BACKFIELD COACH RALPH FLETCHER

A name famous in Illinois football history, both as player and coach, is that of Ralph Fletcher. He first gained fame at Illinois as a halfback on championship elevens here in 1918-19 and the runnerup team of 1920.

Ralph entered upon a coaching career following graduation, served as head football and basketball coach at West Aurora high school 1920-28, at Waukegan for two years, then returned to West Aurora in 1930.

He assumed a similar position at Glenbard high school, Glen Ellyn, in 1936, and returned to Illinois as head freshman football coach in 1939. He was promoted to Varsity backfield coach in 1942, also serves as head golf coach.

Born: Dec. 15, 1898

Home Town: Morris, Ill.

BACKFIELD COACH LEO T. JOHNSON

Leo T. Johnson, who builds University of Illinois track teams second to none in the nation, spends autumn days putting the eye on Illinois football opponents, serving as chief scout and assisting with the backfield.

Johnson joined the athletic staff as head track coach in 1937, after 14 years as head coach of football and track at James Millikin University. Leo was a collegiate star at Millikin.

He is generally regarded as "tops" in grid scouting and has a sound background of knowledge in college football.

Born: July 28, 1895

Home Town: Carlyle, Ill.



PURVIS INGWERSEN BREWER ELIOT KING FLETCHER AGASE

LINE COACH BURT INGWERSEN

Burt Ingwersen, Illinois' fiery line coach, is one of four Illini athletes of all time to earn nine Varsity letters. He starred in football, basketball, and baseball in 1918-19-20.

His professional career showed 22 years of coaching experience in intercollegiate football plus service in World War II when he joined the Illini staff in October of 1945.

Burt was freshman football and baseball coach at Illinois 1920-24; head football coach at Iowa 1924-31; line coach at Louisiana State 1931-35; line coach at Northwestern 1935-43. As a lieutenant commander in the U. S. Navy, he coached football and served as athletic director at North Carolina Pre-Flight, Chapel Hill.

Born: August 29, 1898

Home Town: Clinton, Iowa

END COACH ROBERT KING

Bob King is in his fifth season as end coach, coming to the Illini following 10 years' service on staff of his alma mater, Furman University, Greenville, S.C.

King was graduated from Furman in 1937 with many nominations as an All-American end in football. He was associated with Burt Ingwersen at Chapel Hill during service in the Navy, an acquaintanceship which led to his appointment at Illinois.

Ready wit, a Southern drawl, and tremendous energy on the field have made King a popular addition to the Illini staff.

Born: June 3, 1913

Home Town: Ranger, Texas

BACKFIELD COACH CHARLES PURVIS

Charles "Chuck" Purvis was born in Illinois but owes some allegiance to the State of Georgia where he spent most of his early years. He attended Florida Military School at St. Petersburg, later came to Illinois where he was a halfback on Zuppke's teams of 1938 and 1939.

Following graduation in 1940, Purvis coached at Charleston and Mattoon high schools before entering the Navy in April, 1943. He served as an athletic officer at North Carolina Pre-Flight, Chapel Hill, at Norfolk, Va., then was assigned for nearly two years as assistant football coach at the U. S. Naval Academy.

Purvis was honorably discharged in 1946 and joined the coaching staff at Auburn. He returned to Illinois as a freshman grid assistant in 1948.

Born: Aug. 31, 1917

Home Town: Sullivan, Ill.

OUTLOOK FOR THE 1951 SEASON

Sixty-four candidates plus an unknown quantity, the 1951 freshman class will report in September to make bids for Coach Ray Eliot's tenth Fighting Illini football team. The frosh start practice Sept. 1, while Varsity candidates report four days later for pictures and begin work Sept. 5.

Among the hopefuls are 23 lettermen, 15 men who saw little action last year or were members of the J-V squad, and 26 sophomores anxious to make their debuts in intercollegiate football.

The outlook is that Illinois will have a good college football team. Whether it can be a great team depends on how well new men fit into the Illini scheme. Coach Eliot is not pessimistic, nor is he predicting a rosy future. With 12 first-stringers lost by graduation, plus loss of his regular punter, Eliot realizes there's much to be done before the season's opener Sept. 29 with strong U.C.L.A. in Memorial Stadium.

Eliot stacks the squad assets on one side as follows: (1) 23 lettermen available; (2) two fine halfbacks in Don Stevens and Johnny Karras; (3) possibility that the passing attack should be improved; (4) return of his entire linebacking corps.

Balancing the scale are liabilities which the Illini coach believes must be offset. They are: (1) loss of six first-string offensive linemen and the entire defensive line; (2) questionable punting; (3) lack of experience at quarterback; (4) lack of an offensive threat at fullback; (5) lack of general depth.

As far as having freshmen to solve the problems, Eliot believes there's little likelihood first-year men will play significant roles in Big Ten football in 1951. "In the first place," Eliot said, "no coach knows what freshman will be on hand. In the second instance, of the boys one hopes will enroll, we know nothing except their high school reputations. It's not likely that these first-year men will be able to beat out older candidates, all of whom have had at least one year of intercollegiate training."

Eliot believes his chief problems lie in development of a strong offensive quarterback, development of offensive fullback, replacements at offensive center and guard positions, general strengthening of the guard and tackle spots, and development of the ends.

Four candidates stand out as most likely to succeed Fred Major at quarterback. Don Engels, Chicago (St. George), a fine long thrower who has been plagued by injury for two seasons; Don Henss, Moline, a junior who played J-V ball in 1950; and two sophomores, Tommy O'Connell, Chicago (South Shore), and Elry Falkenstein, Naperville, are top-ranking prospects.

Bill Tate, Mattoon junior, ranks as No. 1 offensive fullback, while Ken Swienton, sophomore from Chicago (Schurz), and Marshall Dusenbury, senior from Bradley who has been a J-V for two years, are leading prospects as offensive fullbacks. Dan Sabino, Chicago (South Shore) seems most likely to replace Capt. Bill

OUTLOOK FOR THE 1951 SEASON

Vohaska at offensive center. Sabino took over capably when Vohaska was out of two games with an injury last year. Other candidates are Joe Hall, Carbondale, who lettered as a lineback in 1950, and two sophomores, Big Paul Luhrsen of Elmhurst, and Don Ernst, Chicago (Foreman).

Only Capt. Chuck Studley remains among guards who played regularly last season. Eliot frankly is worried about development of men to replace seasoned players such as Leo Cahill, Chuck Brown, Lynn Lynch, and Don Smith. Don Gnidovic, senior letterman from LaSalle, Rudy Valentino, another letterman from East Chicago, Ind., Tom Murphy, Chicago (de la Salle), and Bob Wood, Caseyville, 1950 reserves, and Bob Lenzini, fine sophomore prospect from Waukegan, rate best chances to take over offensively. John Bauer, big Benton sophomore, may help considerably with the defensive unit.

Chuck Ulrich, senior from Chicago (Fenger), who has received considerable pre-season mention as an All-American candidate, heads the tackle contingent, but he and Bernie Elsner, Chicago (St. Bede) junior, are the only experienced men at this position. Bob Weddell, Webster Groves, Mo., Marvin Berschet, Arlington Heights, both J-V players, and sophomores James Baughman, Pontiac, and Pete Palmer, St. Louis, Mo. (Clayton), are other leading aspirants.

Rex Smith, Chicago (South Shore), Andy Wodziak, Chicago (Trinity), and Joe Vernasco, Mishawaka, Ind., are all capable lettermen available at end, but from this point on, no candidates have established themselves. Dick Broerman, Rocky River, Ohio, and Lawrence "Bus" Stevens, Robinson, reserves last year, and newcomers Steve Nosek, Chicago (Taft), Jerry Nemec, Chicago (Schurz), John "Rocky" Ryan, Tolono, and Cliff Waldbeser, Morton, are expected to bid for positions.

Ken Miller, husky Bloomington sophomore, probably will succeed Don Laz as punter and also bid for a starting role at halfback where Karras and Don Stevens will be no. 1 choices. Stevens has been shifted to left halfback to strengthen the running attack. Other halfback aspirants include Ronnie Clark, East Chicago, Ind. (Roosevelt); Bob Rylowicz, Chicago (Austin); Herb Neathery, Hoopeston, and Al Brosky, Chicago (Harrison), all lettermen, and sophomores Claude Taliaferro, Gary, Ind. (Roosevelt); Stanley Wallace, Hillsboro, and Hugh Woodson, Chicago (Austin).

Veteran linebackers include Joe Hall, Joe Cole, Park Ridge (Maine); Chuck Boerio, Kincaid, and Elie Popa, Canton, Ohio, who ranked with the Big Ten's best in 1950. Two-thirds of Illinois' capable defensive backfield also returns in Neathery and Brosky. Valentino probably will be called upon to replace Paul Douglass on kick offs with Sammy Rebecca, Rockford (West), still around to try for points after touchdown and field goals.

FOOTBALL HONORS IN 1950

- William Vohaska — All-American Offensive Center, AP . . . All-Midwest Offensive Center, AP . . . Second Team All-Midwest, UP . . . All-Big Ten Offensive Center, AP, UP . . . Third Team, College Players' All-American . . . Best Offensive Center, Minneapolis Star-Tribune.
- Al Tate — All-American Defensive Tackle, Football Writers of America . . . All-Midwest Tackle, Chicago Daily News . . . Second Team All-Big Ten, AP, UP . . . Second Team All-Midwest, UP . . . Honorable Mention, All-Midwest, AP.
- Tony Klimek — Most Valuable Player, Selected by teammates . . . All-Big Ten End, AP, UP . . . All-Midwest End, Chicago Daily News . . . Honorable Mention, College Players' All-Midwest . . . Second Team, All-Midwest, UP . . . Honorable Mention, All-Midwest, Colliers', AP . . . Best Defensive End, Minneapolis Star-Tribune.
- John Karras — First Team Halfback, Colliers' All-Midwest . . . Second Team, All-Big Ten, AP, UP, INS . . . Second Team, All-Midwest, UP . . . Honorable Mention, All-Midwest, AP . . . Best Running Back, Minneapolis Star-Tribune.
- Richard Raklovits — Big Ten Individual Rushing Champion . . . All-Big Ten Fullback, AP, UP, INS . . . All-Midwest Fullback, UP, Chicago Daily News . . . Second Team, All-Midwest, AP . . . Third Team, College Players' All-Midwest . . . Honorable Mention, Colliers' All-Midwest . . . Honorable Mention, College Players' All-American.
- Charles Ulrich — Second Team Tackle, All-Big Ten, INS . . . Honorable Mention, All-Midwest, AP, UP.
- Leo Cahill — Third Team Guard, All-American, UP . . . Second Team, College Players' All-Midwest . . . Honorable Mention, All-Midwest, UP.
- Charles Brown — All-Big Ten Guard, AP, UP . . . All-Midwest Guard, Chicago Daily News, UP . . . Honorable Mention, All-Midwest, AP . . . Best Offensive Guard, Minneapolis Star-Tribune.
- Lynn Lynch — First Team Guard, Collier's All-Midwest . . . All-Midwest, Chicago Daily News . . . Second Team, All-Midwest, UP . . . Honorable Mention, All-Midwest, AP.
- Charles Boerio — All-Midwest, Chicago Daily News . . . Best Linebacker, Minneapolis Star-Tribune . . . Honorable Mention, Colliers' All-Midwest.
- Don Stevens — Honorable Mention, Halfback, College Players' All-Midwest.
- Fred Major — Honorable Mention, Quarterback, All-Midwest, AP.
- Herb Neathery — All-Midwest Defensive Halfback, Chicago Daily News.
- Charles Studley — Guard, Captain-Elect, 1951 Illinois Team.
- Al Brosky — Safety, Ranked second in nation on pass interceptions with total of 11.

1950 LETTERMEN GONE

Of 39 players who received Varsity football letters for 1950, 17 have been lost by graduation. Don Ellis, who won a letter in 1949 but did not win a letter in 1950, also was graduated in June

ENDS — Tony Klimek, Chicago (Schurz)

Charles Fox, Chicago (Fenwick)

Amos Jones, Lake Forest

TACKLES — Richard Mueller, Bellwood (Proviso)

Wayne Siegert, Pana

Al Tate, New Castle, Pa.

GUARDS — Charles Brown, Northbrook

Leo Cahill, Utica

Lynn Lynch, Indianapolis, Ind.

Donald Smith, Chicago (Austin)

CENTER — William Vohaska, Riverside

QUARTERBACK — Fred Major, Jr., Champaign

HALFBACKS — Paul Douglass, St. Louis, Mo.

Don Laz, Aurora

Chris Pagakis, Chicago (Parker)

Sam Piazza, Chicago Heights

FULLBACK — Don Ellis, Rockford

Dick Raklovits, Chicago (Fenger)

LETTERMEN AVAILABLE

Twenty-three lettermen are available for this season, 22 from the 1950 squad and one from the 1949 roster.

From 1950 Squad

Pete Bachouros, Halfback, Chicago (South Shore)

Charles Boerio, Linebacker, Kincaid

Al Brosky, Halfback, Chicago (Harrison)

Ronnie Clark, Halfback, East Chicago, Ind. (Roosevelt)

Joe Cole, Center, Park Ridge (Maine)

Bernie Elsner, Tackle, Chicago (St. Bede)

Don Engels, Quarterback, Chicago (St. George)

Don Gnidovic, Guard, LaSalle

Joe Hall, Linebacker, Carbondale

John Karras, Halfback, Argo

Herb Neathery, Halfback, Hoopeston

Elie Popa, Fullback, Canton, Ohio (McKinley)

Sammy Rebecca, Placekicker, Rockford (West)

Robert Rylowicz, Halfback, Chicago (Austin)

Dan Sabino, Center, Chicago (South Shore)

Rex Smith, End, Chicago (South Shore)

Don Stevens, Halfback, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Charles Studley, Guard, Pontiac

William Tate, Fullback, Mattoon

Charles Ulrich, Tackle, Chicago (Fenger)

Joe Vernasco, End, Mishawaka, Ind.

Frank Wodziak, End, Chicago (Trinity)

From 1949 Squad

Rudy Valentino, Guard, East Chicago, Ind. (Roosevelt)

CONFERENCE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

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| 1896 — Chicago claimed championship of "Big Seven" composed of Wisconsin, Michigan, Purdue, Illinois, Northwestern, and Chicago. | 1921 — Iowa |
| 1897 — Wisconsin | 1922 — Iowa and Michigan |
| 1898 — Michigan | 1923 — ILLINOIS and Michigan |
| 1899 — Chicago (Big Nine formed Dec. 6, 1899, Indiana and Iowa added) | 1924 — Chicago |
| *1900 — Iowa and Minnesota | 1925 — Michigan |
| *1901 — Michigan and Wisconsin | 1926 — Michigan and Northwestern |
| 1902 — Michigan | 1927 — ILLINOIS |
| *1903 — Michigan and Minnesota | 1928 — ILLINOIS |
| 1904 — Michigan and Minnesota | 1929 — Purdue |
| **1905 — Chicago | 1930 — Northwestern and Michigan |
| 1906 — Wisconsin and Minnesota | 1931 — Northwestern, Purdue, and Michigan |
| 1907 — Chicago | 1932 — Michigan |
| 1908 — Chicago | 1933 — Michigan |
| 1909 — Minnesota | 1934 — Minnesota |
| 1910 — ILLINOIS and Minnesota | 1935 — Minnesota and Ohio State |
| 1911 — Minnesota | 1936 — Northwestern |
| 1912 — Wisconsin (Ohio State admitted April, 1912) | 1937 — Minnesota |
| 1913 — Chicago | 1938 — Minnesota |
| 1914 — ILLINOIS | 1939 — Ohio State |
| 1915 — ILLINOIS and Minnesota | 1940 — Minnesota |
| 1916 — Ohio State | 1941 — Minnesota |
| 1917 — Ohio State | 1942 — Ohio State |
| 1918 — ILLINOIS | 1943 — Michigan and Purdue |
| 1919 — ILLINOIS | 1944 — Ohio State |
| 1920 — Ohio State | 1945 — Indiana |
| | 1946 — ILLINOIS |
| | 1947 — Michigan |
| | 1948 — Michigan |
| | 1949 — Ohio State and Michigan |
| | 1950 — Michigan |

*Disagreement as to whether there was any definite champion. Some leading newspapers said there was no champion.

**Michigan left conference after season of 1905. Returned in 1917 and played one game with Northwestern that season.

ILLINOIS' ALL-TIME RECORDS WITH 1951 OPPONENTS

(Games at Illinois unless otherwise noted)

U. C. L. A.

Illinois, Won 2, Lost 0

1947	—	Illinois (Rose Bowl)	45-14	(Pasadena)
1950	—	Illinois	14-6	(Los Angeles)

WISCONSIN

Illinois, Won 11, Lost 12, Tied 4

1895	—	Tie	10-10	(Madison)
1899	—	Wisconsin	23-0	(Milwaukee)
1900	—	Wisconsin	27-0	(Madison)
1906	—	Wisconsin	16-6	
1907	—	Illinois	15-4	(Madison)
1914	—	Illinois	24-9	(Madison)
1915	—	Illinois	17-3	
1916	—	Tie	0-0	(Madison)
1917	—	Illinois	7-0	
1918	—	Illinois	22-0	(Madison)
1919	—	Wisconsin	14-10	
1920	—	Wisconsin	14-9	(Madison)
1921	—	Wisconsin	20-0	
1922	—	Illinois	3-0	(Madison)
1923	—	Illinois	10-0	
1931	—	Wisconsin	7-6	
1932	—	Wisconsin	20-12	(Madison)
1933	—	Illinois	21-0	
1934	—	Wisconsin	7-3	(Madison)
1939	—	Illinois	7-0	
1940	—	Wisconsin	13-6	(Madison)
1943	—	Illinois	25-7	(Madison)
1945	—	Tie	7-7	(Madison)
1946	—	Illinois	27-21	
1948	—	Wisconsin	20-16	(Madison)
1949	—	Tie	13-13	
1950	—	Wisconsin	7-6	

SYRACUSE

Illinois, Won 2, Lost 0

1909	—	Illinois	18-7	(Syracuse)
1910	—	Illinois	3-0	

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Illinois, Won 1, Lost 0

1950	—	Illinois	20-13	
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INDIANA

Illinois, Won 16, Lost 6, Tied 2

1899	—	Indiana	5-0	
1900	—	Tie	0-0	(Indianapolis)
1901	—	Illinois	18-0	(Indianapolis)
1902	—	Illinois	47-0	
1903	—	Indiana	17-0	(Bloomington)
1904	—	Illinois	10-0	
1907	—	Illinois	10-6	(Bloomington)
1908	—	Illinois	10-0	
1909	—	Illinois	6-5	
1910	—	Illinois	3-0	(Bloomington)
1911	—	Tie	0-0	
1912	—	Illinois	13-7	
1913	—	Illinois	10-0	(Indianapolis)
1914	—	Illinois	51-0	
1928	—	Illinois	13-7	
1932	—	Illinois	18-6	
1937	—	Indiana	13-6	(Bloomington)
1938	—	Illinois	12-2	
1939	—	Indiana	7-6	
1944	—	Illinois	26-18	
1945	—	Indiana	6-0	
1946	—	Indiana	14-7	(Bloomington)
1949	—	Illinois	33-14	
1950	—	Illinois	20-0	

MICHIGAN

Illinois, Won 11, Lost 25, Tied 0

1898	—	Michigan	12-5	(Detroit)
1899	—	Michigan	5-0	
1900	—	Michigan	12-0	(Chicago)
1905	—	Michigan	33-0	
1906	—	Michigan	28-9	(Ann Arbor)
1919	—	Illinois	29-7	
1920	—	Illinois	7-6	(Ann Arbor)
1921	—	Michigan	3-0	
1922	—	Michigan	24-0	(Ann Arbor)
1924	—	Illinois	39-14	
1925	—	Michigan	3-0	
1926	—	Michigan	13-0	(Ann Arbor)
1927	—	Illinois	14-0	
1928	—	Michigan	3-0	(Ann Arbor)
1929	—	Illinois	14-0	
1930	—	Michigan	15-7	(Ann Arbor)
1931	—	Michigan	35-0	
1932	—	Michigan	32-0	(Ann Arbor)
1933	—	Michigan	7-6	
1934	—	Illinois	7-6	(Ann Arbor)
1935	—	Illinois	3-0	

1936	—	Illinois	9-6	(Ann Arbor)
1937	—	Michigan	7-6	
1938	—	Michigan	14-0	(Ann Arbor)
1939	—	Illinois	16-7	
1940	—	Michigan	28-0	(Ann Arbor)
1941	—	Michigan	20-0	
1942	—	Michigan	28-14	(Ann Arbor)
1943	—	Michigan	42-6	
1944	—	Michigan	14-0	(Ann Arbor)
1945	—	Michigan	19-0	
1946	—	Illinois	13-9	(Ann Arbor)
1947	—	Michigan	14-7	
1948	—	Michigan	28-20	(Ann Arbor)
1949	—	Michigan	13-0	
1950	—	Illinois	7-0	(Ann Arbor)

IOWA

Illinois, Won 20, Lost 9, Tied 2

1899	—	Iowa	58-0	(Rock Island)
1901	—	Illinois	27-0	(Iowa City)
1902	—	Illinois	80-0	
1903	—	Iowa	12-0	(Iowa City)
1904	—	Illinois	29-0	
1907	—	Iowa	25-12	(Iowa City)
1908	—	Illinois	22-0	
1918	—	Illinois	19-0	(Iowa City)
1919	—	Illinois	9-7	
1920	—	Illinois	20-3	
1921	—	Iowa	14-2	(Iowa City)
1922	—	Iowa	8-7	
1923	—	Illinois	9-6	(Iowa City)
1924	—	Illinois	36-0	
1925	—	Iowa	12-10	(Iowa City)
1926	—	Illinois	13-6	
1927	—	Illinois	14-0	(Iowa City)
1929	—	Tie	7-7	(Iowa City)
1935	—	Iowa	19-0	
1936	—	Tie	0-0	(Iowa City)
1940	—	Iowa	18-7	(Iowa City)
1941	—	Iowa	21-0	
1942	—	Illinois	12-7	(Iowa City)
1943	—	Illinois	19-10	(Iowa City)
1944	—	Illinois	40-6	
1945	—	Illinois	48-7	
1946	—	Illinois	7-0	(Iowa City)
1947	—	Illinois	35-12	(Iowa City)
1948	—	Illinois	14-0	
1949	—	Illinois	20-14	(Iowa City)
1950	—	Illinois	21-7	(Iowa City)

OHIO STATE

Illinois, Won 15, Lost 22, Tied 2

1902	—	Tie	0-0	(Columbus)
1904	—	Illinois	46-0	(Columbus)
1914	—	Illinois	37-0	
1915	—	Tie	3-3	(Columbus)
1916	—	Ohio State	7-6	
1917	—	Ohio State	13-0	(Columbus)
1918	—	Illinois	13-0	
1919	—	Illinois	9-7	(Columbus)
1920	—	Ohio State	7-0	
1921	—	Illinois	7-0	(Columbus)
1922	—	Ohio State	6-3	
1923	—	Illinois	9-0	(Columbus)
1924	—	Illinois	7-0	
1925	—	Illinois	14-9	(Columbus)
1926	—	Ohio State	7-6	
1927	—	Illinois	13-0	(Columbus)
1928	—	Illinois	8-0	
1929	—	Illinois	27-0	(Columbus)
1930	—	Ohio State	12-9	
1931	—	Ohio State	40-0	(Columbus)
1932	—	Ohio State	3-0	
1933	—	Ohio State	7-6	(Columbus)
1934	—	Illinois	14-13	
1935	—	Ohio State	6-0	(Columbus)
1936	—	Ohio State	13-0	
1937	—	Ohio State	19-0	(Columbus)
1938	—	Ohio State	32-14	
1939	—	Ohio State	21-0	(Columbus)
1940	—	Ohio State	14-6	
1941	—	Ohio State	12-7	(Columbus)
1942	—	Ohio State	44-20	(Cleveland)
1943	—	Ohio State	29-26	(Columbus)
1944	—	Ohio State	26-12	(Cleveland)
1945	—	Ohio State	27-2	(Columbus)
1946	—	Illinois	16-7	
1947	—	Illinois	28-7	(Columbus)
1948	—	Ohio State	34-7	
1949	—	Ohio State	30-17	(Columbus)
1950	—	Illinois	14-7	

NORTHWESTERN

Illinois, Won 20, Lost 21, Tied 3

1892	—	Tie	16-16	
1893	—	Tie	0-0	(Evanston)
1894	—	Illinois	66-0	
1895	—	Illinois	38-4	
1896	—	Northwestern	10-4	
1900	—	Tie	0-0	(Evanston)
1901	—	Northwestern	17-11	
1902	—	Illinois	17-0	(Evanston)
1903	—	Northwestern	12-11	
1904	—	Northwestern	12-6	(Evanston)
1908	—	Illinois	64-8	
1909	—	Illinois	35-0	(Evanston)
1910	—	Illinois	27-0	(Evanston)
1911	—	Illinois	27-13	
1912	—	Northwestern	6-0	(Evanston)
1913	—	Illinois	37-0	
1914	—	Illinois	33-0	(Evanston)
1915	—	Illinois	36-6	
1922	—	Illinois	6-3	
1923	—	Illinois	29-0	(Chicago Cubs Park)
1927	—	Illinois	7-6	(Evanston)
1928	—	Illinois	6-0	
1929	—	Northwestern	7-0	(Evanston)
1930	—	Northwestern	32-0	
1931	—	Northwestern	32-6	(Evanston)
1932	—	Northwestern	26-0	
1933	—	Illinois	3-0	(Evanston)
1934	—	Illinois	14-3	(Evanston)
1935	—	Northwestern	10-3	(Evanston)
1936	—	Northwestern	13-2	
1937	—	Illinois	6-0	(Evanston)
1938	—	Northwestern	13-0	
1939	—	Northwestern	13-0	(Evanston)
1940	—	Northwestern	32-14	(Evanston)
1941	—	Northwestern	27-0	(Evanston)
1942	—	Illinois	14-7	(Evanston)
1943	—	Northwestern	53-6	(Evanston)
1944	—	Illinois	25-6	(Evanston)
1945	—	Northwestern	13-7	(Evanston)
1946	—	Illinois	20-0	(Evanston)
1947	—	Northwestern	28-13	
1948	—	Northwestern	20-7	(Evanston)
1949	—	Northwestern	9-7	
1950	—	Northwestern	14-7	(Evanston)

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ROSTER OF 1951 FOOTBALL SQUAD

(Candidates invited by Coach Ray Eliot to report Sept. 4. Revised roster material will be issued later should freshmen or other candidates be added to the Varsity squad).

RETURNING LETTERMEN:

Name	Pos.	Wt.	Ht.	Age	Class	Yr. on Squad	Home Town
*Bachouros, Pete	FB	170	5-10	20	Jr.	2	Chicago (South Shore)
*Boerio, Charles	C	191	5-11	21	Sr.	3	Kincaid
*Brosky, Alfred	HB	172	5-11	23	Jr.	2	Chicago (Harrison)
**Clark, Ronald	HB	165	5-11	22	Sr.	3	East Chicago, Ind. (Roosevelt)
*Cole, Joseph	C	201	6-2	20	Sr.	3	Park Ridge (Maine)
*Elsner, Bernard	T	214	6-4	21	Jr.	2	Chicago (St. Bede)
*Engels, Donald	QB	185	6-2	20	Sr.	3	Chicago (St. George)
*Gnidovic, Donald	G	190	5-11	21	Sr.	3	LaSalle
*Hall, Joseph	C	170	5-10	20	Jr.	2	Carbondale
**Karras, John	HB	173	5-11	23	Sr.	3	Argo
*Neathery, Herbert	HB	179	6-0	21	Sr.	3	Hoopeston
*Popa, Elie	FB	183	5-10	20	Sr.	3	Canton, Ohio (McKinley)
*Rebecca, Sammy	QB	165	5-8½	21	Sr.	3	Rockford (West)
*Rylowicz, Robert	HB	181	6-0	21	Sr.	3	Chicago (Austin)
*Sabino, Dan	C	189	6-2	21	Jr.	3	Chicago (South Shore)
*Smith, Rex	E	199	6-2	19	Jr.	3	Chicago (South Shore)
**Stevens, Donald	HB	176	5-9½	23	Sr.	3	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Youngstown, Ohio)
**Studley, Charles (C)	G	191	5-11	22	Sr.	3	Pontiac
*Tate, William	FB	188	6-1	20	Jr.	2	Mattoon
**Ulrich, Charles	T	219	6-4	21	Sr.	3	Chicago (Fenger)
*Valentino, Rudy	G	196	5-10	21	Sr.	3	East Chicago, Ind. (Roosevelt)
*Vernasco, Joseph	E	194	6-1	21	Sr.	3	Mishawaka, Ind.
*Wodziak, Frank	E	185	6-1	20	Jr.	2	Chicago (Trinity)

*indicates letters won

RETURNING SQUAD MEMBERS:

Name	Pos.	Wt.	Ht.	Age	Class	Yr. on Squad	Home Town
Berschot, Marvin	T	207	6-2	21	Sr.	3	Arlington Heights
Broerman, Richard	E	184	6-1	20	Jr.	2	Rocky River, Ohio
Catlin, James	G	194	6-0	21	Jr.	2	Harrisburg
Dusenbury, Marshall	FB	191	6-0	20	Sr.	3	Bradley
Goldstick, Phil	T	213	6-2	20	Jr.	2	Chicago (Morton)
Henss, Donald	QB	179	6-1	20	Jr.	2	Moline
Jenkins, Richard	T	221	6-2	22	Sr.	3	Chicago (Sullivan)
Kasap, George	T	217	5-11	20	Sr.	3	Oglesby
Murphy, Thomas	G	189	5-11	22	Jr.	2	Chicago (De La Salle)
Nosek, Steve	E	195	6-0	21	Jr.	2	Chicago (Taft)
Peterson, Dan	T	190	6-3	21	Sr.	3	Elmwood Park (Proviso)
Stevens, Lawrence	E	189	6-1	21	Jr.	2	Robinson
Truran, James	HB	181	6-0	21	Jr.	2	Johnston City
Weddell, Robert	T	211	6-2	20	Jr.	2	Webster Groves, Mo.
Wood, Robert	G	209	6-2	20	Jr.	2	Caseyville (Collinsville)

INCOMING SOPHOMORES AND NEWCOMERS:

Bauer, John	G-T	229	6-3	19	Soph.	1	Benton
Baughman, James	T	212	6-0	19	Soph.	1	Pontiac
Bishop, Robert	G	185	5-11	18	Soph.	1	Bridgeport (Salem)
Borman, Herb	C	183	6-0	19	Soph.	1	Downers Grove
Chalus, Donald	E	191	6-1	21	Soph.	1	Utica (LaSalle)
Demmas, Con	G	189	6-1	20	Soph.	1	St. Louis, Mo. (University)
Ernst, Donald	C	182	6-0	19	Soph.	1	Chicago (Foreman)
Falkenstein, Elry	QB	177	5-11	20	Soph.	1	Naperville
Gaus, Ed	FB	193	6-0	19	Soph.	1	St. Louis, Mo. (University)
Harcus, Glenn	G	191	5-10	20	Soph.	1	Chicago (Morgan Park)
Holladay, Joseph	C	182	5-11	18	Soph.	1	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
Lenzini, Robert	G	196	6-0	19	Soph.	1	North Chicago (Waukegan)
Luhrsen, Paul	C	205	6-2	19	Soph.	1	Elmhurst
Miller, Kenneth	HB	191	6-2	19	Soph.	1	Bloomington
Nemec, Jerry	E	194	6-1	25	Jr.	1	Chicago (Schurz)
O'Connell, Thomas	QB	184	5-11	21	Soph.	1	Chicago (South Shore)
Palmer, Peter	T	227	6-3	20	Soph.	1	St. Louis, Mo. (Clayton)
Ponder, Max	G	186	5-11	19	Fr.	1	Chicago (Crane Tech)
Ryan, John	E	191	6-1	19	Soph.	1	Tolono
Stewart, Baird	FB	188	5-11	19	Soph.	1	Evanston
Swienton, Kenneth	FB	177	5-9	19	Soph.	1	Chicago (Schurz)
Taliaferro, Claude	HB	171	5-10	20	Soph.	1	Gary, Ind. (Roosevelt)
Waldbeser, Cliff	E	189	6-2	19	Soph.	1	Morton
Wallace, Stanley	HB	188	6-3	19	Soph.	1	Hillsboro
Willman, Dean	E	186	6-1	18	Fr.	1	Chicago (Amundsen)
Woodson, Hugh	HB	181	6-0	20	Soph.	1	Chicago (Austin)

ALL-AMERICAN CANDIDATES FOR 1951

JOHN KARRAS

Senior from Argo, Ill. Stands 5 feet 11 inches, weighs 175 pounds.
One of the nation's outstanding running backs in 1949 and 1950.

Statistical Facts:

1949

Rushing, Nine Games — 127 attempts, net yardage 826, average 6.5
*Rushing, Big Ten Games — 109 attempts, net yardage 732, average 6.7
Kickoff Returns — 8 for 250 yards, average 31.3

1950

**Rushing, Seven Games — 117 attempts, net yardage 593, average 5.1
**Rushing, Big Ten Games — 70 attempts, net yardage 357, average 5.1
Kickoff Returns — 2 for 50 yards, average 25

Touchdowns:

1949

13 yards from scrimmage against Iowa State
40 yards from scrimmage against Wisconsin
34 yards from scrimmage against Iowa
63 yards from scrimmage against Iowa
22 yards on pass from Krueger against Missouri
26 yards from scrimmage against Indiana
95 yards on kickoff return against Ohio State

1950

3 yards from scrimmage against Ohio University
2 yards from scrimmage against Washington
67 yards from scrimmage against Indiana
14 yards from scrimmage against Northwestern

Best Game, Total Yardage Gained:

183 yards against University of Washington, 1950, in 25 attempts, average 7.3;
also caught three passes for 21 yards

Best Games, Average Yards Gained per Attempt:

155 yards against Indiana, 1949, in 12 attempts, average 12.9
143 yards against Indiana, 1950, in 15 attempts, average 9.5

*Holds Big Ten individual rushing record

**Missed two Big Ten games because of ankle injury

CHARLES ULRICH

Senior from Chicago (Fenger). Stands 6 feet 3 inches, weighs 214 pounds
All-around ability, plays both offense and defense. Outstanding blocker, combining speed and power. Gets downfield quickly on kickoffs and punts.
On defense, strong, alert, and a sure tackler.

Rated by Coach Ray Eliot as "best all-around tackle in the Big Ten."

ILLINOIS CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAMS

1910 — (tied with Minnesota) — (not scored on); 1914; 1915 — (tied with Minnesota); 1918; 1919; 1923 — (tied with Michigan); 1927; 1928; 1946.

ILLINOIS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS — 1914 — (tied with Army); 1919 — (tied with Harvard and Notre Dame); 1923; 1927. Authority, Parke H. Davis in Spalding's Guide.

BOWL GAME APPEARANCE — Jan. 1, 1947, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif., Illinois 45, U.C.L.A. 14.

GAMES WITH SERVICE TEAMS

1917 — Nov. 29 — Illinois 28, Camp Funston, at Camp Funston, Kansas. The Army team, on which Potsy Clark (Illinois) played in 1918 as the 89th division Funston team, won the championship of the A.E.F.

1918 — Oct. 4 — Illinois 3, Chanute Field 0, at Chanute Field

Oct. 12 — Great Lakes 7, Illinois 0, on Illinois Field

Oct. 26 — Municipal Pier Ensign Training School (Chicago) 7, Illinois 0. This game was played behind closed gates with no spectators except sports writers. Influenza epidemic caused ban on public gatherings. Played on Illinois Field.

1942 — Nov. 21 — Great Lakes 6, Illinois 0, at Memorial Stadium

Nov. 28 — Illinois 20, Camp Grant 0, at Rockford

1943 — Sept. 11 — Camp Grant 23, Illinois 0, at Memorial Stadium

Sept. 18 — Iowa Seahawks 32, Illinois 18, at Memorial Stadium

1944 — Sept. 30 — Illinois 26, Great Lakes 26, at Great Lakes

1945 — Nov. 3 — Great Lakes 12, Illinois 6, at Memorial Stadium

DERIVATION OF "ILLINI"

The state of Illinois was named for the tribe of Indians which inhabited it — the "Illini" they were called, which meant "brave men". Illinois students, and especially the members of the athletic teams, are generally known as "Illini" (pronounced "Il-lye-nye"). Illinois' football teams are alluded as "The Fighting Illini", which they have earned by famous battles against odds. In student life the Indian tradition is carried out. The society of varsity lettermen is called "The Tribe of Illini".

ILLINOIS colors — Orange and Blue

HOW ILLINOIS HAS FINISHED IN WESTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS — 1896-1950

YEAR	RANK	YEAR	RANK
1896	No definite ranking	1924	Second (tie)
1897	Third	1925	Fourth (tie)
1898	No definite ranking	1926	Sixth (tie)
1899	Seventh	1927	FIRST
1900	No definite ranking	1928	FIRST
1901	Fourth	1929	Second
1902	Fifth	1930	Sixth
1903	Sixth	1931	Tenth
1904	Fourth	1932	Seventh
1905	Seventh	1933	Fifth (tie)
1906	Seventh	1934	Third
1907	Fifth	1935	Ninth
1908	Third	1936	Sixth
1909	Fourth	1937	Eighth
1910	FIRST	1938	Seventh
1911	Fourth	1939	Sixth
1912	Sixth	1940	Tenth
1913	Fifth (tie)	1941	Tenth
1914	FIRST	1942	Third (tie)
1915	FIRST (tie)	1943	Sixth
1916	Fifth	1944	Sixth
1917	Fifth	1945	Seventh
1918	FIRST	1946	FIRST
1919	FIRST	1947	Third (tie)
1920	Third	1948	Eighth
1921	Eighth	1949	Fifth (tie)
1922	Sixth	1950	Fourth
1923	FIRST (tie)		

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FOOTBALL RECORDS 1890 to 1950

YEAR	WON	LOST	TIED	COACH	CAPTAIN
1890	1	2	0	Scott Williams	Scott Williams
1891	6	0	0	Robert Lackey	Robert W. Hart
1892	9	3	2	E. K. Hall	Robert W. Hart
1893	3	2	3	E. K. Hall	George Atherton
1894	5	3	0	Louis D. Vail	J. E. Pfeffer
1895	4	2	1	George Huff	Robert J. Hotchkiss
1896	4	2	1	George Huff	Charles E. Beebe
1897	5	2	0	Fred L. Smith	Don Sweeney
1898	4	5	0	Fred L. Smith	Arthur R. Johnston
1899	3	5	1	Neilson Poe	E. C. McLane
1900	7	3	2	Fred L. Smith	Arthur R. Hall
1901	8	2	0	Edgar G. Holt	Justa M. Lindgren
1902	10	2	1	Edgar G. Holt	Garland (Jake) Stahl
1903	8	6	0	George Woodruff	Claude J. Rothgeb
1904	9	2	1	Alumni*	C. A. Fairweather

YEAR	WON	LOST	TIED	COACH	CAPTAIN
1905	5	4	0	Fred Lowenthal	C. J. Moynihan
1906	1	3	1	Justa Lindgren	Ira T. Carrithers
1907	3	2	0	Arthur R. Hall	Lion Gardiner
1908	5	1	1	Arthur R. Hall	F. C. VanHook
1909	5	2	0	Arthur R. Hall	Benjamin F. Baum
1910	7	0	0	Arthur R. Hall	G. D. Butzer
1911	4	2	1	Arthur R. Hall	Chester C. Roberts
1912	3	3	1	Arthur R. Hall	William H. Woolston
1913	4	2	1	Robert C. Zuppke	Enos M. Rowe
1914	7	0	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Ralph D. Chapman
1915	5	0	2	Robert C. Zuppke	John W. Watson
1916	3	3	1	Robert C. Zuppke	Frank B. Macomber
1917	5	2	1	Robert C. Zuppke	Reynold R. Kraft
1918	5	2	0	Robert C. Zuppke	**B. A. Ingwersen (Acting)
1919	6	1	0	Robert C. Zuppke	William K. Koff
1920	5	2	0	Robert C. Zuppke	John C. Depler
1921	3	4	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Lawrence W. Walquist
1922	2	5	0	Robert C. Zuppke	David D. Wilson
1923	8	0	0	Robert C. Zuppke	James W. McMillen
1924	6	1	1	Robert C. Zuppke	Frank E. Rokusek
1925	5	3	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Harold E. Grange
1926	6	2	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Charles E. Kassel
1927	7	0	1	Robert C. Zuppke	Robert Reitsch
1928	7	1	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Albert J. Nowack
1929	6	1	1	Robert C. Zuppke	Russell J. Crane
1930	3	5	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Olaf E. Robinson
1931	2	6	1	Robert C. Zuppke	Gilbert Berry (Honorary)
1932	5	4	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Gilbert Berry
1933	5	3	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Herman Walser
1934	7	1	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Charles Bennis
					Jack Beynon
1935	3	5	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Charles S. Galbreath
1936	4	3	1	Robert C. Zuppke	Elvin C. Sayre
1937	3	3	2	Robert C. Zuppke	Lowell Spurgeon
1938	3	5	0	Robert C. Zuppke	James W. McDonald
1939	3	4	1	Robert C. Zuppke	Melvin Brewer
1940	1	7	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Thomas J. Riggs
1941	2	6	0	Robert C. Zuppke	***
1942	6	4	0	Ray Eliot	James Smith
1943	3	7	0	Ray Eliot	****John Genis
1944	5	4	1	Ray Eliot	*****
1945	2	6	1	Ray Eliot	Ralph Serpico
1946	8	2	0	Ray Eliot	Mac Wenskunas
1947	5	3	1	Ray Eliot	Art Dufelmeier
1948	3	6	0	Ray Eliot	Herb Siegert
1949	3	4	2	Ray Eliot	Lyle Button
1950	7	2	0	Ray Eliot	Bill Vohaska

*Arthur Hall, Justa Lindgren, Fred Lowenthal, Clyde Mathews

**E. C. Sternaman, captain-elect, in service

***Captain-elect ineligible

****Captain-elect in service

*****Captain appointed for each game

MEMORIAL STADIUM

The University of Illinois Memorial Stadium was made possible by more than 20,000 students, alumni, and other friends who contributed approximately \$1,700,000. This was later augmented by \$509,805 by the Athletic Association for flooring and walling of the West Great Hall, construction of the South Stand, and other additions to the structure, making the approximate total building cost of the Stadium \$2,245,441. In addition, more than \$200,000 have been spent in the last five years on a rehabilitation program.

The Stadium is an impressive memorial to the men of Illinois who gave their lives to their country in the first World War. Their names appear, one to a column, on the 200 columns composing the memorial colonnades which surmount the east and west stands.

STADIUM SEATING CAPACITY

East Main Stand	17,709
West Main Stand	17,710
East Balcony	9,977
West Balcony	9,572
Boxes	892
South Stand	10,712

Total Capacity	66,572*
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(*Does not include temporary bleachers)

Seventy-one per cent of the seats are along the sides of the gridiron "between the goal posts". No other major stadium seats such a large percentage there.

OPENED, 1923 DEDICATED, 1924. Memorial Stadium was opened Nov. 3, 1923, Homecoming, when Chicago was defeated 7 to 0. Red Grange, a sophomore, scored the Illinois touchdown.

The Stadium was dedicated Oct. 18, 1924, also Homecoming — Illinois 39, Michigan 14.

GRANGE'S FEATS Oct. 18, 1924 — Against Michigan, in the first ten minutes, Grange made four runs for touchdowns as follows: 95 yards (on kickoff); 70 yards; 57 yards; 43 yards. Grange had his hands on the ball six times. He left the game before the quarter ended.

In the third quarter, Grange ran 13 yards for his fifth touchdown. In the fourth quarter, he threw a pass to Leonard for the sixth Illinois touchdown.

He played 41 minutes, gained 402 yards, carried the ball 21 times, and completed six passes for 64 yards. Grange also held the ball for Earl Britton on tries for goals after touchdown.

It took 45 minutes to play the first quarter because so much time was taken out for kickoffs.

CAPACITY CROWDS

Memorial Stadium was filled to capacity for the following nine games:

- *1923 — Chicago, 60,232 (Stadium opening)
- 1924 — Michigan, 66,609 (Stadium dedication)
- 1925 — Michigan, 67,886 (Homecoming)
Chicago, 68,798
- 1929 — Army, 69,509
- **1946 — Notre Dame, 75,119
- 1947 — Michigan, 71,119 (Homecoming)
- 1948 — Army, 71,119
- 1949 — Michigan, 71,119
- 1950 — Ohio State, 71,119

Other large crowds were: 1926 — Pennsylvania, 58,661; 1927 — Michigan, 63,101; 1928 — Northwestern, 59,871; 1929 — Michigan, 54,333; 1930 — Northwestern, 52,687; 1934 — Army, 48,540; 1937 — Notre Dame, 42,253; 1940 — Notre Dame, 63,186; 1944 — Notre Dame, 65,114; 1945 — Michigan, 54,572; 1946 — Wisconsin, 62,597, and Ohio State, 61,519; 1947 — Minnesota, 56,048, and Northwestern, 52,158; 1948 — Ohio State, 65,732; 1949 — Northwestern, 67,872; 1950 — Wisconsin, 54,230, and Indiana, 65,021

AWAY FROM HOME — Largest crowd Illinois ever played before: 1950 — Michigan at Ann Arbor, 97,239

Other large crowds away: 1925 — At Pennsylvania, 69,000, and Ohio State at Columbus (Grange's last game), 72,658; 1928 — Michigan at Ann Arbor, 78,229; 1929 — Ohio State at Columbus, 64,869; 1930 — Army at New York, 68,180; 1944 — Ohio State at Cleveland, 83,627; 1945 — Ohio State at Columbus, 70,287; 1946 — Michigan at Ann Arbor, 85,938; 1947 — U.C.L.A. in Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif., 93,083, Iowa at Iowa City, 52,294, Army at Yankee Stadium, New York, 65,000, and Ohio State at Columbus, 70,036; 1948 — Michigan at Ann Arbor, 89,938, and Minnesota at Minneapolis, 62,066; 1949 — Ohio State at Columbus, 81,085

*NOTE — Stadium incomplete in 1923. Permanent South Stand erected in 1929.

**NOTE — Chair seats set up as field boxes.

HIGHEST SCORE BY ILLINOIS: 1912 — Illinois 87, Illinois Wesleyan 3

HIGHEST SCORE AGAINST CONFERENCE OPPONENT: 1902 — Illinois 80, Iowa 0

HIGHEST SCORE BY A ZUPPKE TEAM: 1915 — Illinois 75, Rolla School of Mines 7

HIGHEST SCORE AGAINST ILLINOIS: 1906 — Chicago 63, Illinois 0

HIGHEST SCORE AGAINST ZUPPKE TEAM: 1931 — Ohio State 40, Illinois 0

HIGHEST SCORE IN MEMORIAL STADIUM: 1944 — Illinois 79, Illinois Normal 0

HIGHEST SCORE AGAINST ILLINOIS IN MEMORIAL STADIUM: 1943 — Michigan 42, Illinois 6

ILLINOIS RECORD IN MEMORIAL STADIUM: Won 79, Lost 47, Tied 6

1950 RECORDS OF ILLINOIS' OPPONENTS

U. C. L. A.

UCLA	OPPONENT
28 Oregon	0
42 Washington State	0
20 Washington	21
6 Illinois	14
21 Stanford	7
20 Purdue	6
20 Oregon State	13
0 California	35
39 Southern California	0

(Won 6, Lost 3, Tied 0)

WISCONSIN

WIS.	OPPONENT
28 Marquette	6
7 Illinois	6
14 Iowa	0
13 Michigan	26
14 Northwestern	13
33 Purdue	7
14 Ohio State	19
0 Pennsylvania	20
14 Minnesota	0

(Won 6, Lost 3, Tied 0)

SYRACUSE

SYRACUSE	OPPONENT
42 Rutgers	12
6 Temple	7
7 Cornell	26
27 Penn State	7
34 Holy Cross	27
13 Boston University	7
34 Lafayette	0
16 John Carroll	21
14 Colgate	19
6 Fordham	13

(Won 5, Lost 5, Tied 0)

WASHINGTON

WASH.	OPPONENT
33 Kansas State	7
28 Minnesota	13
21 U.C.L.A.	20
35 Oregon State	6
13 Illinois	20
21 Stanford	7
7 California	14
27 Oregon	12
28 Southern California	13
52 Washington State	21

(Won 8, Lost 2, Tied 0)

INDIANA

IND.	OPPONENT
20 Nebraska	20
20 Iowa	7
14 Ohio State	26
20 Notre Dame	7
0 Illinois	20
0 Michigan State	35
7 Michigan	20
18 Marquette	6
0 Purdue	13

(Won 3, Lost 5, Tied 1)

MICHIGAN

MICH.	OPPONENT
7 Michigan State	14
27 Dartmouth	7
6 Army	27
26 Wisconsin	13
7 Minnesota	7
0 Illinois	7
20 Indiana	7
34 Northwestern	23
9 Ohio State	3
14 California (Rose Bowl)	6

(Won 6, Lost 3, Tied 1)

IOWA

IOWA	OPPONENT
20 Southern California	14
7 Indiana	20
0 Wisconsin	14
33 Purdue	21
21 Ohio State	83

IOWA	OPPONENT
13 Minnesota	0
7 Illinois	21
14 Notre Dame	14
6 Miami (Fla.)	14

(Won 3, Lost 5, Tied 1)

NORTHWESTERN

NU	OPPONENT
27	Iowa State 13
22	Navy 0
13	Minnesota 6
28	Pittsburgh 23
13	Wisconsin 14
0	Ohio State 32
19	Purdue 14
23	Michigan 34
14	Illinois 7

(Won 6, Lost 3, Tied 0)

OHIO STATE

OSU	OPPONENT
27	Southern Methodist 34
41	Pittsburgh 7
26	Indiana 14
48	Minnesota 0
83	Iowa 21
32	Northwestern 0
19	Wisconsin 14
7	Illinois 14
3	Michigan 9

(Won 6, Lost 3, Tied 0)

1951 WESTERN CONFERENCE SCHEDULES

U. C. L. A., SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, AND UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

(Games at home unless otherwise noted)

ILLINOIS

Sept. 29 — U.C.L.A.
 Oct. 6 — Wisconsin
 Oct. 13 — At Syracuse
 Oct. 20 — At Washington
 Oct. 27 — At Indiana
 Nov. 3 — Michigan
 Nov. 10 — Iowa
 Nov. 17 — At Ohio State
 Nov. 24 — At Northwestern

WISCONSIN

Sept. 29 — Marquette
 Oct. 6 — At Illinois
 Oct. 13 — Ohio State
 Oct. 20 — At Purdue
 Oct. 27 — At Northwestern
 Nov. 3 — Indiana
 Nov. 10 — Pennsylvania
 Nov. 17 — Iowa
 Nov. 24 — At Minnesota

WASHINGTON

Sept. 22 — Montana
 Sept. 29 — At Minnesota
 Oct. 6 — Southern California
 Oct. 13 — At Oregon
 Oct. 20 — Illinois
 Oct. 27 — Stanford
 Nov. 3 — Oregon State
 Nov. 10 — At California
 Nov. 17 — At U.C.L.A.
 Nov. 24 — Washington State

U.C.L.A.

Sept. 21 — Texas A & M*
 Sept. 29 — At Illinois
 Oct. 6 — Santa Clara
 Oct. 13 — At Stanford
 Oct. 20 — Oregon
 Nov. 3 — California
 Nov. 10 — At Oregon State
 Nov. 17 — Washington
 Nov. 24 — At Southern California

SYRACUSE

Sept. 21 — Temple*
 Sept. 29 — At Cornell
 Oct. 6 — Lafayette*
 Oct. 13 — Illinois
 Oct. 20 — At Dartmouth
 Oct. 27 — Fordham
 Nov. 10 — At Penn State
 Nov. 17 — Colgate
 Nov. 24 — At Boston University

INDIANA

Sept. 29 — At Notre Dame
 Oct. 6 — Wisconsin
 Oct. 13 — At Michigan
 Oct. 20 — At Ohio State
 Oct. 27 — Illinois
 Nov. 3 — At Wisconsin
 Nov. 10 — At Minnesota
 Nov. 17 — Michigan State
 Nov. 24 — Purdue

(*indicates night games)

1951 WESTERN CONFERENCE SCHEDULES

U. C. L. A., SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, AND UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON FOOTBALL SCHEDULES (Cont'd)

MICHIGAN

Sept. 29 — Michigan State
Oct. 6 — Stanford
Oct. 13 — Indiana
Oct. 20 — At Iowa
Oct. 27 — Minnesota
Nov. 3 — At Illinois
Nov. 10 — At Cornell
Nov. 17 — Northwestern
Nov. 24 — Ohio State

IOWA

Sept. 29 — Kansas State
Oct. 6 — At Purdue
Oct. 13 — Pittsburgh
Oct. 20 — Michigan
Oct. 27 — At Ohio State
Nov. 3 — Minnesota
Nov. 10 — At Illinois
Nov. 17 — At Wisconsin
Nov. 24 — At Notre Dame

OHIO STATE

Sept. 29 — Southern Methodist
Oct. 6 — Michigan State
Oct. 13 — At Wisconsin
Oct. 20 — Indiana
Oct. 27 — Iowa
Nov. 3 — Northwestern
Nov. 10 — At Pittsburgh
Nov. 17 — Illinois
Nov. 24 — At Michigan

NORTHWESTERN

Sept. 29 — Colorado
Oct. 6 — Army
Oct. 13 — At Minnesota
Oct. 20 — Navy
Oct. 27 — Wisconsin
Nov. 3 — At Ohio State
Nov. 10 — Purdue
Nov. 17 — At Michigan
Nov. 24 — Illinois

MICHIGAN STATE

Sept. 22 — Oregon State
Sept. 29 — At Michigan
Oct. 6 — At Ohio State
Oct. 13 — Marquette
Oct. 20 — At Penn State
Oct. 27 — Pittsburgh
Nov. 10 — Notre Dame
Nov. 17 — At Indiana
Nov. 24 — Colorado

MINNESOTA

Sept. 29 — Washington
Oct. 6 — At California
Oct. 13 — Northwestern
Oct. 20 — Nebraska
Oct. 27 — At Michigan
Nov. 3 — At Iowa
Nov. 10 — Indiana
Nov. 17 — At Purdue
Nov. 24 — Wisconsin

PURDUE

Sept. 29 — Texas
Oct. 6 — Iowa
Oct. 13 — At Miami
Oct. 20 — Wisconsin
Oct. 27 — At Notre Dame

Nov. 3 — Penn State
Nov. 10 — At Northwestern
Nov. 17 — Minnesota
Nov. 24 — At Indiana

1950 FINAL ILLINOIS FOOTBALL STATISTICS

	TEAM	Illinois	Opponents
First Downs		116	105
By Rushing		89	70
By Passing		25	33
By Penalties		2	2
Net Yards Gained Rushing.....		1944	1240
Net Yards Gained Passing.....		596	744
Total Net Yards Gained.....		2540	1984
Number of Rushes.....		447	410
Number of Passes Attempted.....		94	169
Number of Passes Completed.....		42	58
Number of Passes Had Intercepted.....		8	19
Number of Punts.....		64	70
Average Yardage, Punts.....		37.0	37.2
Punts Had Blocked.....		1	1
Number of Kickoffs.....		32	14
Average Yardage, Kickoffs.....		53.0	49.0
Number of Punt Returns.....		29	36
Yardage Punt Returns.....		203	186
Number of Kickoff Returns.....		13	29
Yardage Kickoff Returns.....		180	568
Number of Interception Returns.....		19	8
Yardage Interception Returns.....		148	84
Number of Fumbles.....		29	25
Lost Ball on Fumbles.....		19	14
Number of Penalties.....		40	31
Yardage Lost on Penalties.....		314	267

INDIVIDUAL

Rushing

PLAYER	Tries	Net	Ave.	PLAYER	Tries	Net	Ave.
Bob Rylowicz	3	31	10.3	Ronnie Clark	32	102	3.2
Sam Piazza	24	129	5.4	Bill Tate	10	19	1.9
Erick Kuykendall	3	16	5.3	Chris Pagakis	5	5	1.0
Dick Raklovits	133	709	5.3	Fred Major	9	—30	...
John Karras	17	593	5.1	Don Engels	3	—15	...
Don Stevens	81	371	4.6	Don Henss	2	—15	...
Marshall Dusenbury	3	11	3.7	Don Laz	2	—30	...
Pete Bachouros	19	67	3.5	Pete Truran	1	—19	...

Passing

PLAYER	Att.	Compl.	Intc.	Yds.	TD	Ave.
Chris Pagakis	1	1	0	11	0	1.000
Pete Truran	4	2	0	16	0	.500
Fred Major	65	32	5	464	5	.492
Don Engels	14	5	3	89	0	.357
Don Henss	3	1	0	5	0	.333
John Karras	4	1	0	11	1	.250
Don Stevens	3	0	0	0	0	.000

1950 FINAL ILLINOIS FOOTBALL STATISTICS (Cont'd)

INDIVIDUAL

Pass Receiving

PLAYER	No.	Yds.	TD	PLAYER	No.	Yds.	TD
Tony Klimek	13	200	2	Rex Smith	2	26	0
John Karras	6	94	0	Chuck Fox	2	25	0
Don Stevens	4	75	2	Bill Tate	1	11	0
Joe Vernasco	4	56	1	Pete Bachouros	1	6	0
Frank Wodziak	4	39	0	Dan Peterson	1	5	0
Dick Raklovits	3	55	1	Bob Ryłowicz	1	4	0

Punting

PLAYER	No.	Ave.
Don Laz	64	37.0

Scoring

PLAYER	TD	PAT	TP	PLAYER	TD	PAT	TP
Dick Raklovits	8	0	48	Al Brosky	1	0	6
John Karras	4	0	24	Ronnie Clark	1	0	6
Sam Rebecca	0	17	17	Sam Piazza	1	0	6
Tony Klimek	2	0	12	Joe Vernasco	1	0	6
Don Stevens	2	0	12				

Score by Quarters

ILLINOIS	49	41	41	7	—	138
OPPONENTS	6	14	20	15	—	55

COACHING RECORD OF RAY ELIOT AT ILLINOIS

YEAR	CONF.			RANK IN CONF.	NON. CONF.			TOTAL		
	W	L	T		W	L	T	W	L	T
1942	3	2	0	Third	3	2	0	6	4	0
1943	2	4	0	Sixth	1	3	0	3	7	0
1944	3	3	0	Sixth	2	1	1	5	4	1
1945	1	4	1	Seventh	1	2	0	2	6	1
1946	6	1	0	First	2	1	0	8	2	0
1947	3	3	0	Third (tie)	2	0	1	5	3	1
1948	2	5	0	Eighth	1	1	0	3	6	0
1949	3	3	1	Fifth	0	1	1	3	4	2
1950	4	2	0	Fourth	3	0	0	7	2	0
TOTALS	27	27	2		15	11	3	42	38	5
	PCT....	.500			PCT....	.577		PCT....	.525	

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

ALL-AMERICAN FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Ralph Chapman, Guard.....	1914
Bart Macomber, Halfback.....	1915
Charles Carney, End.....	1920
Jim McMillen, Guard.....	1923
Harold E. "Red" Grange, Halfback.....	1923-24-25
Bernie Shively, Guard.....	1926
Russ Crane, Guard.....	1927
A. J. "Butch" Nowack, Tackle.....	1928
Lou Gordon, Tackle.....	1929
Jim Reeder, Tackle.....	1939
Alex Agase, Guard.....	1942-43-46
Claude "Buddy" Young, Halfback.....	1944
William Vohaska, Center.....	1950
Albert Tate, Tackle.....	1950

OTHER PLAYERS WHO RANKED HIGH NATIONALLY

F. C. Van Hook, Guard.....	1906-07-08
J. F. Twist, Center.....	1910
G. D. Butzer, Guard.....	1910
Otto Seiler, Quarterback.....	1910
Harold Pogue, Halfback.....	1914
J. W. Watson, Center.....	1915
C. K. Squier, End.....	1915
J. C. Depler, Center.....	1918
C. O. Applegran, Guard.....	1919
Burt Ingwersen, Tackle.....	1919
Jack Crangle, Fullback.....	1920
C. E. Kassel, End.....	1925
Robert Reitsch, Center.....	1926-27
J. A. Timm, Halfback.....	1928
Gilbert Berry, Halfback.....	1932
Lester Lindberg, Halfback.....	1935
James McDonald, Center.....	1938
Ralph Serpico, Guard.....	1944
Ike Owens, End.....	1947
Russ Steger, Fullback.....	1947
John Karras, Halfback.....	1949-50
Richard Raklovits, Fullback.....	1950

MEET THE FIGHTING ILLINI



STUDLEY, CHARLES, will lead the Fighting Illini in 1951 as captain and offensive guard. Only the fastest Illinois backs can down Studley in wind sprints which indicates why he's valuable as a hard-blocking guard who can pull out of the line for runs by Don Stevens, Johnny Karras, and Ronnie Clark. A sure tackler, Studley is also a key defensive man in stopping enemy punt returns. Chuck was an all-around athletic star at Pontiac high school, served two years on a U.S. Navy submarine, is now married. A senior at 22 years of age, stands 5-11, weighs 191. High School Coach: Aubra Williamson.

BAUER, JOHN, an all-state fullback at Benton high school, makes his bid as a sophomore in the middle of the Illinois defensive line. Big "Buckwheat" likes football and throws his 6 feet 3 inches and 229 pounds into scrimmages with the abandon of one who thrives on contact. Bauer holds the state prep record in the shot put with a mark of 56 feet 5½ inches and should also become a star in track for the Illini. High School Coaches: Don Anderson, Leon Dailey.

BAUGHMAN, JIM, sophomore from Pontiac, hopes to follow in footsteps of another home town boy, Capt. Chuck Studley, in gaining football fame at Illinois. Baughman will seek to step into one of the tackle spots for the Illini where his 6 feet and 207 pounds can come in handy. Jim is combining a business course with preparation for coaching in the classroom. High School Coach: Aubra Williamson.

BERSCHET, MARVIN, is the second consecutive track captain who also has performed in football. He succeeds Don Laz in that role, since the famed pole vaulter was Coach Ray Eliot's punter in 1950. Berschet is a tackle on the football field and a weight man in track. "Moose" stands 6-2, weighs 207, and is a 21-year-old senior in the college of agriculture where he specializes in animal science and farm management. High School Coach: Curtiss Larson.

CLARK, RONNIE, a slashing, power-type halfback despite his lack of size, is determined to make his senior year with the Illini a banner one. Ronnie likes to operate in quick-opening slant plays off tackle and showed his ability against University of Washington last year by compiling a 7.8-yards-per-try mark. Some improvement in carrying out blocking assignments would make a first-string performer out of this former three-time all-state back from Roosevelt high school, East Chicago, Ind. Ronnie is married, a senior in physical education, stands 5-11, weighs 165. High School Coach: Pete Rucinski.

COLE, JOE, is a staunch member of Coach Ray Eliot's all-veteran linebacking corps who should aid an inexperienced defensive forward wall in 1951. Cole has come along rapidly with experience and maturity and last season ranked as one of the best in the Western Conference. He played the entire Michigan game on defense without relief and it was Cole's pile-driving tackle of Don Oldham that stopped the Wolverines farthest advance into Illini territory at the 37-yard line. A graduate of Maine township high school, Cole is now 20, stands 6-2, weighs 201. Joe is a senior in commerce, plans to enter sales work. High School Coach: Ken Olson.

STEVENS, LAWRENCE, will be a determined contender for the left end position in 1951 following a sophomore campaign as a J-V. Ruggedly-built at 6-1 and 187 pounds, "Bus" is an all-around performer with sticky fingers on passes, blocking ability, and good defensive capabilities. An accomplished place-kicker he may also contend with Sammy Rebecca for this specialist's role. An all-state player at Robinson high school where he was coached by Merle Crosby.

MEET THE FIGHTING ILLINI



BROSKY, AL, will be remembered as the cool performer whose handling of punts and interception of passes were vital efforts in Illinois' outstanding 1950 season. Brosky didn't drop a single punt all season, despite fact that with the spread formation there often were four or five opposing tacklers standing ready for him to catch the ball. He ranked second in the nation on pass interceptions with 11, saved the Michigan game with a crashing tackle of Wes Bradford from his safety position, and ran a punt back 61 yards for a touchdown against Iowa. Graduate of Chicago (Harrison), Brosky attended St. Louis University for a brief time before enrolling at Illinois. A 23-year-old junior, Al stands 5-11, weighs 172. High School Coach: Robert Daugherty.

ELSNER, BERNIE, big likable junior from Chicago, will team with Chuck Ulrich for 60-minute duty this fall since these two men constitute experienced personnel at tackle on Illinois' 1951 squad. Bernie is a husky 6-foot 4-inch, 214-pound lineman who was handicapped during his sophomore season by a series of injuries. Elsner attended St. Bede Academy and played on one of the outstanding prep teams developed there by Bron Bacevich. Red-haired, freckle-faced, and good-natured, Bernie is a favorite with teammates.

ENGELS, DON, a fine, long-passing quarterback, reports for his senior year following a series of mishaps which would have discouraged any person not 100 per cent determined to play college football. As a sophomore Engels was stopped by a dislocation of the knee. He returned to form in 1950 and ranked as no. 1 quarterback of the Illini until felled by a dislocated hip. Now, he hopes lady luck smiles for his senior campaign. Engels completed 6 of 16 passes in the spring practice game for 165 yards indicating he hasn't lost touch in throwing. A senior in physical education, Don stands 6-2, weighs 185, plans to enter coaching upon graduation. High School (Chicago, St. George) Coach: Max Burnell.

GNIDOVIC, DON, will likely team with Capt. Chuck Studley as Illinois' offensive guard combination. Possessed of ranginess and speed Gnidovic has physical requirements to pull out to lead interference on wide plays and blocks with authority. Don prepped at LaSalle-Peru high school, enrolled in the University's school of journalism. Spends his summers selling Fuller brushes, answers to the nickname "Geets." High School Coach: A. J. "Butch" Nowack.

POPA, ELIE, is one of the toughest small men in Big Ten football. He missed the 1949 campaign after suffering a broken leg early in the season, but came back as a junior to serve as a regular member of Coach Ray Eliot's line-backing corps. His recovery of three Buckeye fumbles in the Ohio State game played a key role in a great Illini victory. A 20-year-old senior, Popa is 5-10, weighs 183, lives in Canton, Ohio. High School Coach: Herman Peacock.

VALENTINO, RUDY, a tough senior from East Chicago, Ind. (Roosevelt), should be a valuable line replacement for Coach Ray Eliot this season. Rudy is a stocky 190-pounder who excels on defense and also will handle kick offs. He may be used either at guard or end. High School Coaches: Pete Rucinski, Ernie Miller.

WEDDELL, ROBERT, is a big likable junior who plans to employ his 6 feet 2 inches and 211 pounds in a regular tackle spot for the Illini in 1951. Bob had a year of seasoning on the J-V's as a sophomore but pushed himself into contention in spring drills. Rugged, fast, and a good tackler. Prepped at Highland Park, now lives in Webster Groves, Mo. High School Coach: John Floyd.

MEET THE FIGHTING ILLINI



BOERIO, CHUCK, was chosen as the top linebacker in the Middle West last season, a rating he doesn't choose to lose in 1951. Boerio is a fierce competitor, one of the hardest-hitting tacklers Illinois has had in many years. His defensive play against both Michigan and Ohio State last year were rated by coaches as near-perfect performances. Chuck is a senior, stands 5-11, weighs 191, and spends summer months getting in rugged condition by working in coal mines near his home at Kincaid. High School Coach: John Pacotti.

HALL, JOE, is a name any fan will remember who saw the Illinois-Ohio State game. Twice Hall was down on punts to tackle safety man Fred Bruney so viciously that he fumbled and Illinois recovered. A third time he was in to block and recover a lateral from Vic Janowicz to Chuck Gandee which set up an Illini touchdown. Three weeks before Joe had intercepted a Washington pass, returned it 15 yards and set up Illinois' winning score. All that from a little sophomore, 5-10 and 170 pounds wringing wet. Try as he might, Joe hasn't gained any weight for the 1951 season, but Coach Ray Eliot will settle for the vicious tackling and sharp play of this 20-year-old junior who in Eliot's estimation hits "harder pound for pound than any man I ever saw." Product of Carbondale community high school. Prep Coach: Walter "Buck" Correll.

HENSS, DON, former all-state quarterback at Moline high school, spent his sophomore year on the J-V squad, but indicated by a smooth performance in spring practice that he's ready for greater things. Henss is a cool, steady performer, a good play-caller and a fine ball-handler. His passing, especially on short throws, is quick and accurate. Henss is a junior law student, stands 6-1, weighs 179. High School Coach: Sam Drake.

LENZINI, BOB, rates as the sophomore lineman most likely to succeed on the 1951 Illini. An all-state guard from Waukegan, Lenzini has in Coach Ray Eliot's estimation "everything necessary to become a great guard." Those qualifications are physical size, he's 6 feet and 196 pounds, speed and quickness, natural ability, and intense desire. Bob has all-around ability, can play either offense or defense. High School Coach: John Burnison.

LUHRSEN, PAUL, a big, active Swede from York high school, Elmhurst, could be Illinois' no. 1 offensive center in 1951. Paul combines speed and quickness with excellent physical requirements. He's 6-2 and tips 205 solid pounds. Improved blocking and ball-handling will make him a topnotch sophomore center. Studying commerce. High School Coach: Robert Ferry.

MILLER, KENNETH, is one of the best athletes to come from Bloomington high school since Pete and "Bumps" Elliott, who starred at Michigan. A former all-state football player and no less a standout in basketball and baseball, Miller will seek three letters in Illinois sports this year. He offers triple-threat value as a halfback since he can run, pass, and kick. Also may see plenty of service in a defensive role because of his rangy 6 feet 2 inches and 189 pounds. Just 18 years of age. High School Coach: Howard Saar.

VERNASCO, JOSEPH, enrolled at Illinois as a promising basketball player, discovered he liked football best and has become a topnotch offensive end for Coach Ray Eliot. Ranked in spring practice as best pass receiver on the squad. Last year he caught four tosses for 56 yards and one touchdown, also played some on defense. A senior from Mishawaka, Ind., Joe is 6-1, weighs 194. He's studying commerce and plans to be an accountant. Favorite hobby is weight lifting. High School Coach: John Sohne.

MEET THE FIGHTING ILLINI



KARRAS, JOHN, is a young man determined to prove he's of All-American calibre in his senior campaign with the Illini. Johnny set the present Big Ten rushing record as a sophomore gaining 732 yards in 109 attempts for a 6.7 average. Last season, while favoring an ankle injury which kept him from two games, Karras piled up 593 yards in 117 tries for a 5.1 percentage. In the Indiana tilt, from which he was carried because of injury in the third quarter, Karras had hit his peak, gaining 143 yards in 18 attempts, a 9.5 average, and scampering 67 yards to a touchdown. Of returning backs, Johnny is Coach Ray Eliot's best at total yards (593), pass receiver (6 for 94 yards), and scorer (24 points). Should his ankle hold up, "The Argo Express" could have a great

year. He's worked hard to pull his weight down to 173 where he believes he'll be faster than ever. Former all-state player and prep 440-yard champion at Argo. High School Coach: Fred Cook.

O'CONNELL, TOMMY, has potentialities to be one of the finest quarterbacks in Illinois history. His greatest asset is a fine throwing arm, ability to spot receivers and to put the ball where he wants it. In addition, O'Connell has all-around ability as a ball carrier and can keep the defense loose because of his threat to pass or run. In the spring game, O'Connell ably demonstrated these factors by completing 5 of 15 passes for 122 yards and running 5 times for 40 yards, an 8-yard average. A keen student of the game, Tommy shows every indication of becoming a fine strategist. Lettered in football and swimming at South Shore high in Chicago, taking his grid team to the City Championships in 1947. Attended Notre Dame for a year before transferring to Illinois. O'Connell is 21, 5-11, weighs 174. High School Coach: Clarence Applegran.

REBECCA, SAMMY, is Illini place-kicking specialist, handling assignments on points after touchdown and field goals. Rebecca scored 17 points last season, got his greatest thrill from converting the point after the second touchdown against Ohio State from the 17-yard-line after Illinois had been penalized 15 yards for holding. An all-around athlete at West high, Rockford, Sammy found that his 5-8½ and 165 pounds were quite a handicap in Big Ten football. His toe provided the answer for Varsity participation. High School Coach: Milo Willson.

SABINO, DAN, got his start as a sophomore when Capt. Bill Vohaska was injured. Sabino filled in so capably at offensive center that Coach Ray Eliot is counting on him to replace Vohaska for the 1951 campaign. Dan is a lanky (6-2) junior, who weighs 189 and has the fast charge necessary for a good blocking center. A member of South Shore's great prep team in Chicago in 1948. High School Coach: Clarence Applegran.



NEATHERY, HERB, regular defensive right halfback in 1950 will be back at his post for duty in his senior season. Neathery also may contest with Sophomore Ken Miller for the punting assignment since he averaged 37.5 yards per kick on five attempts in the spring game. Neathery is a fine pass receiver, a sure tackler, and a smart, steady player who seldom gets faked out of position. A former all-around athlete at Greer high school, Hoopeston, Herb missed his sophomore campaign with a leg injury. He stands 6-1, weighs 179, is 21 years of age. High School Coach: Laverne Astroth.

MEET THE FIGHTING ILLINI



STEVENS, DONALD, teams with Johnny Karras to give Illinois one of the nation's best sets of halfbacks. A quick-starting runner, Stevens has both speed and shiftness to be a constant threat on wide plays. Also excels on quick-openers through the line and as a pass receiver. Scored his first two touchdowns as an Illini on passes from Fred Major in 1950 Ohio State game, but has been a consistently fine running back in two years of Varsity play. Don gained 371 yards in 81 ball-carrying attempts last year for an average of 4.6. A veteran of two years service in World War II, Stevens prepped at Youngstown, Ohio, now lives in Pittsburgh, Pa. High School Coach: Alfred M. Beach.

SMITH, REX, won all-state honors as an end on South Shore high school's city championship contender in Chicago in 1948 and has continued to be outstanding in college football. Smith has an ideal build for a Big Ten end, standing 6-2 and weighing 199. A good target for passes and an excellent blocker, Rex may also be called upon for defensive play this year. High School Coach: Clarence Applegran.

TATE, WILLIAM, is expected to come into his own at fullback for the Illini in 1951. An all-state player at Mattoon high school, Bill was no. 1 fullback last season until slowed by a groin injury. By time he recovered, Dick Raklovits was going at such a clip, Tate had little chance to play in late-season games. Third brother in a famous football family. Jim was graduated from Purdue last June after a fine football career and Reg will be a senior this year at Northwestern. Bill earned an unbelievable 15 letters at Mattoon in five sports but is sticking to football for the Illini. He's 20, 6-1, weighs 187, has both power and speed. Good blocker and capable on defense. High School Coaches: Roy Colin, Hewey Tweedy.

WALLACE, STANLEY, is one of the finest all-around athletes ever produced at Hillsboro. He is tall, fast, has strong legs, good hands, and runs with a long stride which makes him hard to bring down. In spring drills, Wallace looked best as a defensive halfback. Stan won 13 letters in high school, was all-state in both basketball and football and plans to follow both sports as an Illini. A 19-year-old, Wallace stands 6-3, weighs 188. High School Coach: Fred Ewald.

WODZIAK, FRANK, is a lanky junior who can block, catch passes, and play defense with such equal ability that Coach Ray Eliot doesn't know whether he'll be on the offensive or defensive platoon or both. Andy has fine hands, springy legs, and good physical qualifications at 6-1 and 181 pounds. Caught three timely passes against U.C.L.A. last year but most of the time understudied Tony Klimek. Prepped at Chicago (Trinity) under Coach Joseph Risily.

ULRICH, CHARLES, should be one of the nation's outstanding tackles in 1951. Ulrich broke into the Illinois lineup at left tackle as a sophomore in 1949 and has withstood all challenges since. "Blackie" is 6-4, carries 219 pounds with deceiving speed. He has all-around ability and prefers to be a 60-minute man, playing both offense and defense, something he'll probably be called upon to do with a shortage of experienced tackles in the Illini camp. Ulrich keeps in shape during off season by swimming, playing handball, and lifting weights. A real candidate for the 1951 All-American selections, Chuck is 21-year-old senior in physical education. He wants to go into professional football following graduation. Married. High School Chicago (Fenger) Coach: Charles Palmer.



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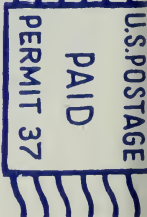
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The Illini Banner Hangs High . . .

ON FOLLOWING PAGES you'll read the football outlook for 1953, a season that carries much hope for an interesting and traditional Fighting Illini team. Then, after the hectic nine weeks of the gridiron campaign, you'll be hearing about Illinois teams in ten other sports in which The Fighting Illini compete.

Here in a nutshell is a report and an outlook for the 1953-54 school year. The Illini Banner Hangs High! Illinois won championships last year in five sports, baseball, fencing, gymnastics, indoor track, and outdoor track, far more titles than any other member of the Western Conference could claim. These victories pushed the Illini further ahead in all-time Big Ten championships.

Illinois rides the crest with 105 undisputed Big Ten titles, and on 18 occasions has shared crowns with other schools. Closest rival is Michigan with 94 outright championships, 23 shares. The Illini maintain leadership among conference schools in baseball, gymnastics, fencing, and tennis titles, rank second in wrestling, golf, and track, third in football and basketball.

Look at these records: football, two titles and two Rose Bowl championships in Coach Ray Eliot's tenure; basketball, three titles since Coach Harry Combes took over in 1948, 39 victories in the last 46 Big Ten games; fencing, four straight crowns; gymnastics, four straight; track, indoor and outdoor, six straight team titles; baseball, two straight championships; wrestling, a crown in 1952.

Yes, you've had a lot to be proud of athletically. Being a member of the Illini family has brought much pleasure and pride in Illinois as an alma mater. What about the future? Listen:

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Fencing—"Good men lost by graduation but we're hoping to find replacements among 14 freshmen numeral winners. Rate us a chance."—Coach Mac Garret; Golf—"Our new course is bringing a steady improvement in golf at Illinois. Should be improved in 1954."—Coach Ralph Fletcher; Gymnastics—"We have some great performers to replace, but never count us out."—Coach Charlie Pond.

Swimming—"We're on the upgrade. Give us time."—Coach Al Klingel; Tennis—"The pendulum has been down, but we're coming back."—Coach Howie Braun; Track—"Five of our all-time great performers graduated but we could be a contender."—Coach Leo Johnson; Wrestling—"Newcomers should add overall team strength. A break here and there and we can be on top."—Coach B. R. Patterson.

That's your outlook for Illinois sports in 1953-54, certainly not one about which to be downhearted.

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The Illini Banner Hangs High! There's every reason to believe it will continue to do so.

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ILLINOIS 1952 RESULTS

Illinois.....	33	Iowa State	7
Illinois.....	6	Wisconsin	20
Illinois.....	48	Washington	14
Illinois.....	7	Minnesota	13
Illinois.....	12	Purdue	40
Illinois.....	22	Michigan	13
Illinois.....	33	Iowa	13
Illinois.....	7	Ohio State	27
Illinois.....	26	Northwestern	28
Points	194	Opponents	175

Season Record: Won 4, Lost 5, Tied 0

1952 BIG TEN FOOTBALL STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	T	PCT.	TP	OP	OFF. RANK	DEF. RANK
Wisconsin	4	1	1	.750	158	97	1	4
Purdue	4	1	1	.750	147	91	3	3
Ohio State	5	2	0	.714	148	91	2	2
Michigan	4	2	0	.667	138	86	4	1
Minnesota	3	1	2	.667	92	96	8	7
ILLINOIS	2	5	0	.286	113	154	6	6
Northwestern	2	5	0	.286	146	201	7	9
Iowa	2	5	0	.286	107	167	9	5
Indiana	1	5	0	.167	89	155	5	8

1953 ILLINOIS FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

Head Coach — Ray Eliot, Illinois, '32

Varsity Coaches — Louis Agase, Illinois, '48, line and J-V; Ralph Fletcher, Illinois, '21, backs; Burt Ingwersen, Illinois, '20, line; Leo T. Johnson, Millikin, '21, chief scout; Robert King, Furman, '37, ends; Charles Purvis, Illinois, '40, backs.

Freshman Coach — Mel Brewer, Illinois, '40.

HISTORICAL FACTS ON ILLINOIS' 1953 RIVALRIES

OPPONENT	Game in Series	Illinois	Series Began
NEBRASKA	— Seventh	W 2 L 4 T 0	1903
STANFORD	— Second	W 1 L 0 T 0	1952 (Rose Bowl)
OHIO STATE	— Forty-Second	W 15 L 23 T 3	1902
MINNESOTA	— Twenty-First	W 7 L 12 T 1	1898
SYRACUSE	— Fourth	W 3 L 0 T 0	1909
PURDUE	— Thirty-Fifth	W 18 L 12 T 4	1890
MICHIGAN	— Thirty-Ninth	W 13 L 25 T 0	1898
WISCONSIN	— Thirtieth	W 12 L 13 T 4	1895
NORTHWESTERN	— Forty-Seventh	W 21 L 22 T 3	1892



COACH RAY ELIOT

ILLINOIS FOOTBALL COACHES

Head Coach Ray Eliot

Respected for his ability, feared for spirited, hard-to-beat teams, Ray Eliot has risen to top rank in his field in America during 11 seasons as head football coach at University of Illinois.

Eliot, dean of Big Ten coaches, has produced two Western Conference titles and a like number of Rose Bowl victories. He has fielded teams in four other years which were contenders until final games of the seasons.

Groundwork of personality, untiring attention to detail, solid character, and leadership have paid off for Eliot as a big-time football coach.

Genial Ray served four years as head football coach at Illinois College and five years as line assistant to Bob Zuppke before taking over as head coach of the Illini in 1942, ten years following his graduation from Illinois.

Eliot's teams gave opponents trouble from the start. The Illini upset mighty Minnesota and posted a .600 winning percentage in 1942. They played to the hilt, although undermanned, and did better than expected in war years. Then the veterans returned in 1946 and the title team, anticipated for 1943, was produced. That was the team which routed U.C.L.A. 45-14 in the 1947 Rose Bowl.

Since 1947, Eliot teams have been the most colorful in Illinois history. The 1949 squad led the league in rushing and total offense. In 1950, the Illini posted a 7-2 record, one of the best in the Middle West, and ranked as one of the nation's best defensive teams. The 1951 squad was undefeated, climaxing its season with a 40-7 Rose Bowl victory over Stanford.

Eliot's Illini used a strong passing attack to rewrite Big Ten record books during the 1952 season, shattering 14 conference marks. However, Illinois' running attack was so hampered by a multitude of injuries that the season record dropped to 4-5.

Eliot's spirit and ability to work with college men have made his clubs live up to the traditional name, "The Fighting Illini."

Born: June 13, 1905

Home Town: Brighton, Mass.

ILLINOIS FOOTBALL COACHES

LINE COACH LOUIS AGASE

One of three brothers who have gained athletic fame at Illinois, Louis Agase competed in three sports — football, wrestling, and track — earning letters in all as a freshman in 1944. He then confined activities to football and became one of the best all-around tackles in the Big Ten.

Lou played with Illinois' conference champions in 1946, in the Rose Bowl Jan. 1, 1947, with the East squad in the 1948 Shrine game in San Francisco, and with the College All-Stars in 1948.

Agase became head football and track coach at Paxton, Ill., high school in September, 1948. He also introduced wrestling in that school and coached its first team in 1949. He returned to the Illinois staff as J-V football coach in 1950.

Born: Aug. 2, 1924

Home Town: Evanston, Ill.

FRESHMAN COACH MELVIN BREWER

Directing activities of freshman football players and also closely allied with the Varsity staff is Melvin Brewer. Brewer was captain of the Illini in 1939 and an outstanding guard for three seasons.

Following graduation from Illinois, Brewer was line coach at Wabash College in 1940, backfield coach at DePauw University in 1941, then entered the Navy from which he was later discharged because of a knee ailment.

Mel served a year on the Illinois school of physical education staff in 1943-44 after which he went to Illinois Wesleyan as head football coach and subsequently athletic director. He returned to his alma mater in 1947.

Born: Oct. 5, 1918

Home Town: Carbondale, Ill.

BACKFIELD COACH RALPH FLETCHER

A name famous in Illinois football history, both as player and coach, is that of Ralph Fletcher. He first gained fame at Illinois as a halfback on championship elevens in 1918-19 and the runnerup team of 1920.

Ralph entered upon a coaching career following graduation, served as head football and basketball coach at West Aurora high school 1920-28, at Waukegan for two years, then returned to West Aurora in 1930.

He assumed a similar position at Glenbard high school, Glen Ellyn, in 1936, and returned to Illinois as head freshman football coach in 1939. He was promoted to Varsity backfield coach in 1942, also serves as head golf coach.

Born: Dec. 15, 1898

Home Town: Morris, Ill.

BACKFIELD COACH LEO T. JOHNSON

Leo T. Johnson, who builds University of Illinois track teams second to none in the nation, spends autumn days putting the eye on Illinois football opponents, serving as chief scout and assisting with the backfield.

Johnson joined the athletic staff as head track coach in 1937, after 14 years as head coach of football and track at James Millikin University. Leo was a collegiate star at Millikin.

He is generally regarded as "tops" in grid scouting and has a sound background of knowledge in college football.

Born: July 28, 1895

Home Town: Carlyle, Ill.

OUTLOOK FOR THE 1953 SEASON

IN A REBUILDING SITUATION this season, University of Illinois probably will field an interesting, though not great, football team. Coach Ray Eliot's twelfth edition of the Fighting Illini cannot be taken lightly. Short in depth and experience, the team is long in morale and enthusiasm.

Seventy-three candidates will report Sept. 2 to make bids for positions on the 1953 squad. Included on Coach Eliot's invitation list are 25 lettermen, seven former squad members, and 41 newcomers—key to Illinois' 1953 success.

With 13 first-stringers lost by graduation, including Quarterback Tommy O'Connell and End Rex Smith, main cogs in Illinois' 1952 offense, Eliot realizes there's much to be done before the season's opener Sept. 26 with strong Nebraska in Memorial Stadium.

Eliot stacks the squad assets on one side as follows: (1) 25 lettermen available; (2) good veteran personnel at guard; (3) good punting by Ken Miller and Bob Gongola; (4) excellent team spirit and a competitive situation at most positions; (5) promising group of sophomore halfbacks.

Balancing the scale are liabilities which the Illini coach believes must be offset. They are: (1) loss of eight members of 1952 first offensive team, two defensive ends, and two defensive halfbacks, plus three highly-regarded reserves; (2) lack of experienced personnel at tackle, quarterback, and halfback; (3) lack of depth at every position, except guard.

Number one problem probably is that of replacing O'Connell, one of Illinois' all-time great quarterbacks. Eliot has been working with three candidates, all apparently promising, but lacking experience. Senior Elry Falkenstein, Naperville, has more playing time at quarterback than the other letterman candidate, Bob Gongola, junior from Chicago (Weber). Both face strong bids from a newcomer, Em Lindbeck, Kewanee.

Looming second on the problem board is finding help for Captain Bob Lenzini, North Chicago (Waukegan), only proven tackle on the roster. Dick Kohlhausen, 195-pound senior from West Rockford high, was a defensive starter in the final five 1952 games, but his lack of size is a handicap. Also expected to make strong bids are: Roger Wolf, West Aurora, 1952 second team defensive tackle; Dick Miller, Lanark junior who was injured last season and concentrated on kicking off and place kicking; and Floyd McAfee, 23-year-old ex-Paratrooper from Houston, Texas (Phillis Wheatley). Others rating consideration include Pete Palmer, St. Louis, Mo. (Clayton), senior; and sophomores Rudy Siegert, Pana; and Pat Phillips, Ashkum.

While available experienced halfback talent is thin, Illinois has a quantity of promising yearlings in this position. They may well hold the key to success during the rugged nine-game campaign.

Returning halfbacks include Clarence "Bud" DeMoss, junior from Villa Park (York), a dash man for the track team; Dale Foster, 1952 defensive reserve; Ken Swienton, Chicago (Schurz), who returned from the Navy to play in five games last year; and Austin Duke, Moline who is a question-mark because of a knee injury suffered in last season's Purdue game. Duke, fleet junior, showed promise of becoming a fine back in early 1952 contests.

OUTLOOK FOR THE 1953 SEASON

Sophomores "most likely to succeed" at halfback include: Melvin Bates, Kewanee; Bernard Bryant, Champaign; J. C. Caroline, Columbia, S. C.; Bob Graeff, Murphysboro; Don Grothe, Tolono; and Dick Ohls, Champaign. Caroline was an All-American prep and ran especially well in spring drills and the intrasquad game.

Add to those candidates Willie Williams, Gary, Ind. (Roosevelt), track dash man who did the century in :09.4 last spring, and Hugh Woodson, Chicago (Austin), 1951 candidate who has been out of school for several semesters. Excellent speed makes them first-rate prospects. Williams was a candidate for last year's varsity until he suffered a fractured leg in fall drills.

Ranks are thin at end, but barring injuries this position should not be an especially perplexing problem. Available are John "Rocky" Ryan, Tolono, one of the nation's finest offensive players, and Cliff Waldbeser, Morton, 1952 defensive regular, as well as Steve Nosek, Chicago (Taft), 1951 letter winner. All have demonstrated ability to perform on both offense and defense. Dean Willman, Chicago (Amundsen), and Paul Furimsky, Nokomis, 1952 squad members also return. Sophomores who might make the squad include Bob Wiman, Robinson; Francis Hoffman, DeKalb; Herbert Badal, Chicago (Sullivan); Bob DesEnfants, Chicago (Weber); James Dunne, Chicago (Gage Park); Roger Mueller, Detroit (Catholic Central); and Richard Piggott, Chicago (Crane).

Center and guard material is more encouraging. Jack Chamblin, junior from Robinson who will be in his first season of eligibility following transfer from West Point, and 1952 linebacker Herb Borman, Downers Grove, are waging a duel for the starting center berth. Borman has also played offense for Illinois. Ronald Yochem, Naperville sophomore, heads a group of yearling candidates, which also includes Terry Mathews, Kankakee (St. Patrick); Thomas Miller, Brazil, Ind.; and James Minor, Chicago (Leo).

Major guard candidates are lettermen. They include: John Bauer, Benton; Robert Bishop, Bridgeport (Salem); Don Ernst, Chicago (Foreman); Paul Luhrsen, Elmhurst (York); Jan Smid, River Grove (Leyden); Donald Tate, New Castle, Pa.; and Walter Vernasco, Mishawaka, Ind. Ernst, Smid, and Bishop were defensive guards in 1952. Bauer and Vernasco were offensive starters. Tate was moved from tackle to guard this season to take advantage of his speed and blocking potential on offense. Luhrsen was an offensive center last year.

Fullback is more of a problem. Here Eliot must shift experienced players from other positions, or rely entirely upon unproven newcomers. Ken Miller, punter and halfback from Bloomington, is being groomed for the post. He has had linebacking experience and did some running from fullback in 1952. Also receiving heavy consideration is Stanley Wallace, 1951-52 defensive halfback from Hillsboro. Baird Stewart, 1952 letterman from Evanston, returns at this post. A 1952 squad member, Jerry Rebecca, Rockford (West), rates consideration as do sophomores James Pollitt, Farmington, and Dick Rosenberg, Chicago (Sullivan).

FOOTBALL HONORS IN 1952

- Tommy O'Connell — Most Valuable Player East-West Game (San Francisco) . . .
 Hula Bowl Games (Honolulu) . . . All-Midwest Quarterback, UP . . .
 Second Team All-Western, AP . . . Second Team All-Midwest, Chicago
 Daily News . . . All-Big Ten, AP, UP, Central Press . . . Big Ten Best All-
 Around Passer, Minneapolis Tribune . . . Second Team All-Big Ten, INS,
 Chicago Daily News.
- Al Brosky — All-American Safety, New York News . . . East Co-Captain East-
 West Game . . . Senior Bowl Game (Mobile, Ala.) . . . Second Team
 All-Western, AP . . . All-Big Ten, AP . . . Big Ten Best Pass Defender,
 Minneapolis Tribune . . . Second Team All-Big Ten, Chicago Daily News
 . . . Illinois' 1952 Most Valuable Player, selected by teammates.
- John Ryan — Honorable Mention All-American End, AP, Players (Chicago
 Tribune) . . . All-Midwest, Players (Chicago Tribune) . . . Second Team
 All-Midwest, Chicago Daily News . . . Third Team All-Midwest, UP . . .
 Honorable Mention All-Western, AP . . . All-Big Ten, Central Press . . .
 Second Team All-Big Ten, UP, INS, Chicago Daily News . . . Honorable
 Mention All-Big Ten, AP . . . Most Improved Player on 1952 Illinois team,
 Mattoon Quarterback Club.
- Frank Wodziak — Second Team All-American End, Players (Chicago Tribune)
 . . . Honorable Mention All-American, AP . . . Blue-Gray Game (Mont-
 gomery, Ala.) . . . Senior Bowl Game . . . All-Western, AP . . . All-
 Midwest, Chicago Daily News . . . Third Team All-Midwest, Players
 (Chicago Tribune) . . . All-Big Ten, AP, Chicago Daily News . . . Third
 Team All-Big Ten, UP.
- Rex Smith — North-South Game (Miami, Fla.) . . . Second Team All-Western
 End, AP . . . Second Team All-Big Ten, INS . . . Honorable Mention
 All-Big Ten, AP.
- Pete Bachourous — Honorable Mention All-American Halfback, AP . . . North-
 South Game . . . Honorable Mention All-Western, AP . . . Second Team
 All-Big Ten, INS, Chicago Daily News . . . Third Team All-Big Ten, UP
 . . . Honorable Mention All-Big Ten, AP.
- Bob Lenzini — All-American Academic Guard . . . Second Team All-Midwest
 Tackle, Chicago Daily News . . . Second Team All-Big Ten, Chicago Daily
 News . . . Third Team All-Big Ten Guard, UP . . . Honorable Mention
 All-Big Ten, AP . . . Illinois' 1953 Captain-elect.
- Dan Sabino — Honorable Mention All-American Center, Players (Chicago
 Tribune) . . . East-West Game . . . Second Team All-Midwest, Players
 (Chicago Tribune) . . . All-Big Ten, Central Press . . . Honorable Mention
 All-Big Ten, AP.
- Tom Murphy — Honorable Mention All-American Guard, AP . . . Honorable
 Mention All-Big Ten, AP.
- Walter Vernasco — Third Team All-Midwest Guard, UP . . . Second Team All-
 Big Ten, UP.
- Ken Miller — Big Ten Best Distance Punter, Minneapolis Tribune.
- Stan Wallace — Honorable Mention All-Big Ten Back, AP.
- Bob Weddell — Tackle, Blue-Gray Game.
- Bill Tate — Fullback, Blue-Gray Game.
- Em Lindbeck — Honorary Captain, Illinois 1952 Freshman Team, chosen by
 Teammates.

1952 LETTERMEN GONE

Of 40 players who received Varsity football letters for 1952, 16 will be lost. They are:

BY GRADUATION

ENDS — John Broerman, Rocky River, Ohio
Rex Smith, Chicago (South Shore)
Lawrence Stevens, Robinson
Andy Wodziak, Chicago (Trinity)

TACKLE — Bob Weddell, Webster Groves, Mo. (Highland Park, Ill).

GUARDS — Jim Catlin, Harrisburg
Tom Murphy, Chicago (DeLaSalle)

CENTER — Dan Sabino, Chicago (South Shore)

QUARTERBACK — Tom O'Connell, Chicago (South Shore)

HALFBACKS — Pete Bachouros, Chicago (South Shore)
Al Brosky, Chicago (Harrison)
Herb Neathery, Hoopeston

FULLBACK — Bill Tate, Mattoon

Letterman Bernie Elsner, tackle from Chicago (St. Bede), has signed a contract with the professional Philadelphia Eagles. Lettermen Robert Scott and Joseph Hall have withdrawn from the University.

LETTERMEN AVAILABLE

Twenty-five lettermen are available for this season. They are:

From 1952 Squad

John Bauer, Guard, Benton
Bob Bishop, Guard, Bridgeport
Herb Borman, Center, Downers Grove
Bud DeMoss, Halfback, Villa Park
Austin Duke, Halfback, Moline
Don Ernst, Guard, Chicago (Foreman)
Elry Falkenstein, Quarterback, Naperville
Dale Foster, Halfback, Champaign
Bob Gongola, Quarterback, Chicago (Weber)
Dick Kohlhagen, Tackle, Rockford (West)
Bob Lenzini, Tackle, North Chicago (Waukegan)
Paul Luhrsen, Guard, Elmhurst (York)
Dick Miller, Tackle, Lanark
Ken Miller, Fullback, Bloomington
Pete Palmer, Tackle, St. Louis, Mo. (Clayton)
John Ryan, End, Tolono
Jan Smid, Guard, River Grove
Baird Stewart, Fullback, Evanston
Kenny Swienton, Halfback, Chicago (Schurz)
Don Tate, Guard, New Castle, Pa.
Wally Vernasco, Guard, Mishawaka, Ind.
Stan Wallace, Fullback, Hillsboro
Cliff Waldbeser, End, Morton
Roger Wolf, Tackle, Aurora

From 1951 Squad

Steve Nosek, End, Chicago (Taft)

CONFERENCE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

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|---|---|
| 1896 — Wisconsin claimed championship of "Big Seven" composed of Wisconsin, Michigan, Purdue, Illinois, Northwestern and Chicago. | 1921 — Iowa |
| 1897 — Wisconsin | 1922 — Iowa, Michigan, and Chicago |
| 1898 — Michigan | 1923 — ILLINOIS and Michigan |
| 1899 — Chicago (Big Nine formed Dec. 6, 1899, Indiana and Iowa added) | 1924 — Chicago |
| *1900 — Iowa and Minnesota | 1925 — Michigan |
| *1901 — Michigan and Wisconsin | 1926 — Michigan and Northwestern |
| 1902 — Michigan | 1927 — ILLINOIS |
| *1903 — Michigan and Minnesota | 1928 — ILLINOIS |
| 1904 — Michigan and Minnesota | 1929 — Purdue |
| **1905 — Chicago | 1930 — Northwestern and Michigan |
| 1906 — Wisconsin and Minnesota | 1931 — Northwestern, Purdue, and Michigan |
| 1907 — Chicago | 1932 — Michigan |
| 1908 — Chicago | 1933 — Michigan |
| 1909 — Minnesota | 1934 — Minnesota |
| 1910 — ILLINOIS and Minnesota | 1935 — Minnesota and Ohio State |
| 1911 — Minnesota | 1936 — Northwestern |
| 1912 — Wisconsin (Ohio State admitted April, 1912) | 1937 — Minnesota |
| 1913 — Chicago | 1938 — Minnesota |
| 1914 — ILLINOIS | 1939 — Ohio State |
| 1915 — ILLINOIS and Minnesota | 1940 — Minnesota |
| 1916 — Ohio State | 1941 — Minnesota |
| 1917 — Ohio State | 1942 — Ohio State |
| 1918 — ILLINOIS | 1943 — Michigan and Purdue |
| 1919 — ILLINOIS | 1944 — Ohio State |
| 1920 — Ohio State | 1945 — Indiana |
| | 1946 — ILLINOIS |
| | 1947 — Michigan |
| | 1948 — Michigan |
| | 1949 — Ohio State and Michigan |
| | 1950 — Michigan |
| | 1951 — ILLINOIS |
| | 1952 — Wisconsin and Purdue |

*Disagreement as to whether there was any definite champion. Some leading newspapers said there was no champion.

**Michigan left conference after season of 1905. Returned in 1917 and played one game with Northwestern that season.

ILLINOIS' ALL-TIME RECORDS WITH 1953 OPPONENTS

(Games at Illinois unless otherwise noted)

NEBRASKA

Illinois, Won 2, Lost 4

1903 — Nebraska	16-0	(Lincoln)
1904 — Nebraska	16-0	(Lincoln)
1905 — Nebraska	24-6	(Lincoln)
1923 — Illinois	24-7	
1924 — Illinois	9-6	(Lincoln)
1925 — Nebraska	14-0	

STANFORD

Illinois, Won 1, Lost 0

1952 — Illinois	40-7	(Rose Bowl)
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OHIO STATE

Illinois, Won 15, Lost 23, Tied 3

1902 — Tie	0-0	(Columbus)
1904 — Illinois	46-0	(Columbus)
1914 — Illinois	37-0	
1915 — Tie	3-3	(Columbus)
1916 — Ohio State	7-6	
1917 — Ohio State	13-0	(Columbus)
1918 — Illinois	13-0	
1919 — Illinois	9-7	(Columbus)
1920 — Ohio State	7-0	
1921 — Illinois	7-0	(Columbus)
1922 — Ohio State	6-3	
1923 — Illinois	9-0	(Columbus)
1924 — Illinois	7-0	
1925 — Illinois	14-9	(Columbus)
1926 — Ohio State	7-6	
1927 — Illinois	13-0	(Columbus)
1928 — Illinois	8-0	
1929 — Illinois	27-0	(Columbus)
1930 — Ohio State	12-9	
1931 — Ohio State	40-0	(Columbus)
1932 — Ohio State	3-0	
1933 — Ohio State	7-6	(Columbus)
1934 — Illinois	14-13	
1935 — Ohio State	6-0	(Columbus)
1936 — Ohio State	13-0	
1937 — Ohio State	19-0	(Columbus)
1938 — Ohio State	32-14	
1939 — Ohio State	21-0	(Columbus)
1940 — Ohio State	14-6	
1941 — Ohio State	12-7	(Columbus)
1942 — Ohio State	44-20	(Cleveland)
1943 — Ohio State	29-26	(Columbus)
1944 — Ohio State	26-12	(Cleveland)
1945 — Ohio State	27-2	(Columbus)

1946 — Illinois	16-7	
1947 — Illinois	28-7	(Columbus)
1948 — Ohio State	34-7	
1949 — Ohio State	30-17	(Columbus)
1950 — Illinois	14-7	
1951 — Tie	0-0	(Columbus)
1952 — Ohio State	27-7	

MINNESOTA

Illinois, Won 7, Lost 12, Tied 1

1898 — Illinois	11-10	(Minneapolis)
1900 — Minnesota	23-0	(Minneapolis)
1901 — Minnesota	16-0	
1902 — Minnesota	17-5	(Minneapolis)
1903 — Minnesota	32-0	
1911 — Minnesota	11-0	
1912 — Minnesota	13-0	(Minneapolis)
1913 — Minnesota	19-9	
1914 — Illinois	21-6	(Minneapolis)
1915 — Tie	6-6	
1916 — Illinois	14-9	(Minneapolis)
1917 — Minnesota	27-6	
1919 — Illinois	10-6	(Minneapolis)
1920 — Illinois	17-7	
1924 — Minnesota	20-7	(Minneapolis)
1941 — Minnesota	34-6	(Minneapolis)
1942 — Illinois	20-13	
1947 — Illinois	40-13	
1948 — Minnesota	6-0	(Minneapolis)
1952 — Minnesota	13-7	(Minneapolis)

SYRACUSE

Illinois, Won 3, Lost 0

1909 — Illinois	17-8	(Syracuse)
1910 — Illinois	3-0	
1951 — Illinois	41-20	(Syracuse)

PURDUE

Illinois, Won 18, Lost 12, Tied 4

1890 — Purdue	62-0	(Lafayette)
1892 — Purdue	12-6	
1893 — Tie	26-26	(Lafayette)
1894 — Purdue	22-2	
1895 — Purdue	6-2	(Lafayette)
1896 — Tie	4-4	(Lafayette)
1897 — Illinois	34-4	
1899 — Purdue	5-0	(Lafayette)
1900 — Illinois	17-5	
1901 — Illinois	28-6	(Lafayette)
1902 — Illinois	29-5	
1903 — Illinois	24-0	(Lafayette)
1904 — Illinois	24-6	(Lafayette)
1905 — Purdue	29-0	

1906 — Illinois	5-0	(Lafayette)
1907 — Illinois	21-4	
1908 — Illinois	15-6	(Lafayette)
1909 — Illinois	24-6	
1910 — Illinois	11-0	(Lafayette)
1911 — Illinois	12-3	
1912 — Tie	9-9	(Lafayette)
1913 — Tie	0-0	
1916 — Illinois	14-7	(Lafayette)
1917 — Illinois	27-0	
1919 — Illinois	14-7	(Lafayette)
1930 — Purdue	25-0	
1931 — Purdue	7-0	(Lafayette)
1943 — Purdue	40-12	(Lafayette)
1944 — Purdue	35-19	
1946 — Illinois	43-7	
1947 — Purdue	14-7	(Lafayette)
1948 — Illinois	10-6	
1949 — Illinois	19-0	(Lafayette)
1952 — Purdue	40-12	

MICHIGAN

Illinois, Won 13, Lost 25, Tied 0

1898 — Michigan	12-5	(Detroit)
1899 — Michigan	5-0	
1900 — Michigan	12-0	(Chicago)
1905 — Michigan	33-0	
1906 — Michigan	28-9	(Ann Arbor)
1919 — Illinois	29-7	
1920 — Illinois	7-6	(Ann Arbor)
1921 — Michigan	3-0	
1922 — Michigan	24-0	(Ann Arbor)
1924 — Illinois	39-14	
1925 — Michigan	3-0	
1926 — Michigan	13-0	(Ann Arbor)
1927 — Illinois	14-0	
1928 — Michigan	3-0	(Ann Arbor)
1929 — Illinois	14-0	
1930 — Michigan	15-7	(Ann Arbor)
1931 — Michigan	35-0	
1932 — Michigan	32-0	(Ann Arbor)
1933 — Michigan	7-6	
1934 — Illinois	7-6	(Ann Arbor)
1935 — Illinois	3-0	
1936 — Illinois	9-6	(Ann Arbor)
1937 — Michigan	7-6	
1938 — Michigan	14-0	(Ann Arbor)
1939 — Illinois	16-7	
1940 — Michigan	28-0	(Ann Arbor)
1941 — Michigan	20-0	
1942 — Michigan	28-14	(Ann Arbor)
1943 — Michigan	42-6	
1944 — Michigan	14-0	(Ann Arbor)
1945 — Michigan	19-0	
1946 — Illinois	13-9	(Ann Arbor)
1947 — Michigan	14-7	
1948 — Michigan	28-20	(Ann Arbor)
1949 — Michigan	13-0	

1950 — Illinois	7-0	(Ann Arbor)
1951 — Illinois	7-0	
1952 — Illinois	22-13	(Ann Arbor)

WISCONSIN

Illinois, Won 12, Lost 13, Tied 4

1895 — Tie	10-10	(Madison)
1899 — Wisconsin	23-0	(Milwaukee)
1900 — Wisconsin	27-0	(Madison)
1906 — Wisconsin	16-6	
1907 — Illinois	15-4	(Madison)
1914 — Illinois	24-9	(Madison)
1915 — Illinois	17-3	
1916 — Tie	0-0	(Madison)
1917 — Illinois	7-0	
1918 — Illinois	22-0	(Madison)
1919 — Wisconsin	14-10	
1920 — Wisconsin	14-9	(Madison)
1921 — Wisconsin	20-0	
1922 — Illinois	3-0	(Madison)
1923 — Illinois	10-0	
1931 — Wisconsin	7-6	
1932 — Wisconsin	20-12	(Madison)
1933 — Illinois	21-0	
1934 — Wisconsin	7-3	(Madison)
1939 — Illinois	7-0	
1940 — Wisconsin	13-6	(Madison)
1943 — Illinois	25-7	(Madison)
1945 — Tie	7-7	(Madison)
1946 — Illinois	27-21	
1948 — Wisconsin	20-16	(Madison)
1949 — Tie	13-13	
1950 — Wisconsin	7-6	
1951 — Illinois	14-10	
1952 — Wisconsin	20-6	(Madison)

NORTHWESTERN

Illinois, Won 21, Lost 22, Tied 3

1892 — Tie	16-16	
1893 — Tie	0-0	(Evanston)
1894 — Illinois	66-0	
1895 — Illinois	38-4	
1896 — Northwestern	10-4	
1900 — Tie	0-0	(Evanston)
1901 — Northwestern	17-11	
1902 — Illinois	17-0	(Evanston)
1903 — Northwestern	12-11	
1904 — Northwestern	12-6	(Evanston)
1908 — Illinois	64-8	
1909 — Illinois	35-0	(Evanston)
1910 — Illinois	27-0	(Evanston)
1911 — Illinois	27-13	
1912 — Northwestern	6-0	(Evanston)
1913 — Illinois	37-0	
1914 — Illinois	33-0	(Evanston)
1915 — Illinois	36-6	

1922 — Illinois	6-3	
1923 — Illinois	29-0	(Chicago Cubs Pk.)
1927 — Illinois	7-6	(Evanston)
1928 — Illinois	6-0	
1929 — Northwestern	7-0	(Evanston)
1930 — Northwestern	32-0	
1931 — Northwestern	32-6	(Evanston)
1932 — Northwestern	26-0	
1933 — Illinois	3-0	(Evanston)
1934 — Illinois	14-3	(Evanston)
1935 — Northwestern	10-3	(Evanston)
1936 — Northwestern	13-2	
1937 — Illinois	6-0	(Evanston)
1938 — Northwestern	13-0	
1939 — Northwestern	13-0	(Evanston)
1940 — Northwestern	32-14	(Evanston)
1941 — Northwestern	27-0	(Evanston)
1942 — Illinois	14-7	(Evanston)
1943 — Northwestern	53-6	(Evanston)
1944 — Illinois	25-6	(Evanston)
1945 — Northwestern	13-7	(Evanston)
1946 — Illinois	20-0	(Evanston)
1947 — Northwestern	28-13	
1948 — Northwestern	20-7	(Evanston)
1949 — Northwestern	9-7	
1950 — Northwestern	14-7	(Evanston)
1951 — Illinois	3-0	(Evanston)
1952 — Northwestern	28-26	

COACHING RECORD OF RAY ELIOT AT ILLINOIS

Year	Conf.			Rank in Conf.	Non-Conf.			All Games		
	W	L	T		W	L	T	W	L	T
1942	3	2	0	Third	3	2	0	6	4	0
1943	2	4	0	Sixth	1	3	0	3	7	0
1944	3	3	0	Sixth	2	1	1	5	4	1
1945	1	4	1	Seventh	1	2	0	2	6	1
1946	6	1	0	First	2	1	0	8	2	0
1947	3	3	0	Third (tie)	2	0	1	5	3	1
1948	2	5	0	Eighth	1	1	0	3	6	0
1949	3	3	1	Fifth	0	1	1	3	4	2
1950	4	2	0	Fourth	3	0	0	7	2	0
1951	5	0	1	First	4	0	0	9	0	1
1952	2	5	0	Sixth (tie)	2	0	0	4	5	0
Totals	34	32	3		21	11	3	55	43	6
	PCT. .515				PCT. .656			PCT. .561		

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

ROSTER OF 1953 FOOTBALL SQUAD

RETURNING LETTERMEN:

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Class	Yr. on Squad	Home Town
68	**Bauer, John	G	6-4	235	21	Sr.	3	Benton
63	*Bishop, Robert	G	5-11	195	21	Sr.	3	Bridgeport (Salem)
51	**Borman, Herb	C	6-0	185	21	Sr.	3	Downers Grove
41	*DeMoss, Clarence	HB	5-10	180	21	Jr.	3	Villa Park (York)
25	*Duke, Austin	HB	5-8	175	21	Jr.	3	Moline
54	**Ernst, Don	G	6-0	192	21	Sr.	3	Chicago (Foreman)
12	*Falkenstein, Elry	QB	5-10	182	22	Sr.	3	Naperville
24	*Foster, Dale	HB	5-10	165	20	Jr.	2	Champaign
15	*Gongola, Robert	QB	6-2½	178	20	Jr.	3	Chicago (Weber)
74	*Kohlhagen, Richard	T	6-2	195	21	Sr.	2	Rockford (West)
62	**Lenzini, Robert (C)	T	5-11	200	21	Sr.	3	N. Chicago (Wauke'n)
60	*Luhrsen, Paul	G	6-2	210	21	Sr.	3	Elmhurst (York)
33	**Miller, Kenneth	FB	6-2	200	21	Sr.	3	Bloomington
71	*Miller, Richard	T	6-3	208	20	Jr.	3	Lanark
88	*Nosek, Stephen	E	6-0	190	22	Jr.	2	Chicago (Taft)
78	*Palmer, Pete	T	6-4	225	21	Sr.	3	Rockford (St. Louis, Mo.-Clayton)
83	**Ryan, John	E	6-1	190	21	Sr.	3	Tolono
61	*Smid, Jan	G	5-11	196	20	Jr.	3	River Grove (Leyden)
34	*Stewart, Baird	FB	5-11	190	21	Sr.	3	Evanston
22	*Swienton, Kenneth	HB	5-11	180	22	Jr.	2	Chicago (Schurz)
64	**Tate, Donald	G	6-0	200	19	Jr.	3	New Castle, Pa.
69	*Vernasco, Walter	G	5-11	204	21	Jr.	3	Mishawaka, Ind.
87	**Waldbeser, Cliff	E	6-1	190	21	Sr.	3	Morton
30	**Wallace, Stanley	FB	6-3	193	21	Sr.	3	Hillsboro
75	*Wolf, Roger	T	6-1	212	19	Jr.	2	Aurora (West)

*Indicates letters won

RETURNING SQUAD MEMBERS:

16	Bauer, Dave	QB	5-11	180	21	Sr.	3	Benton
89	Furimsky, Paul	T	6-0	200	27	Jr.	2	Nokomis
32	Gaus, Ed	FB	6-0	210	21	Sr.	3	St. Louis, Mo. (Univ.)
37	Rebecca, Jerry	FB	5-11	185	20	Jr.	2	Rockford (West)
45	Sopkin, Jack	HB	5-8	170	19	So.	2	Chicago (Lane Tech)
59	Valentine, Don	T	6-0	191	20	Jr.	2	East Moline
85	Willman, Dean	E	6-1	195	20	Jr.	3	Chicago (Amundsen)
46	Woodson, Hugh	HB	6-0	187	22	Jr.	2	Chicago (Austin)

NEWCOMERS TO VARSITY SQUAD:

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Class	Yr. on Squad	Home Town
72	Alexander, Robert	T	6-1	213	19	So.	1	Mattoon
80	Badal, Herbert	E	6-2	185	19	So.	1	Chicago (Sullivan)
44	Bates, Melvin	HB	6-0	190	19	So.	1	Kewanee
14	Bostrom, Donald	QB	5-11	170	18	So.	1	Chicago (Morgan Pk.)
17	Bronson, James	QB	6-1	175	19	So.	1	Blue Island
23	Bryant, Bernard	HB	5-11	187	22	So.	1	Champaign
58	Calder, James	G	6-0	200	19	Jr.	1	Chicago (Fenger)
26	Caroline, J. C.	HB	6-0	184	20	So.	1	Columbia, S. C.
55	Chamblin, Jack	C	5-11	195	21	Jr.	1	Robinson
27	Chandler, Gus	HB	5-9	175	20	So.	1	Chicago (Amundsen)
81	DesEnfants, Robert	E	6-2	180	19	So.	1	Chicago (Weber)
84	Dunne, James	E	6-2	195	22	So.	1	Chicago (Gage Park)
42	Graeff, Robert	HB	5-9	175	18	So.	1	Murphysboro
93	Grieshop, Joseph	G	6-0	215	18	So.	1	Harvard
43	Grothe, Donald	HB	5-10	175	19	So.	1	Tolono (Unity)
20	Heniff, John	HB	5-10	175	20	So.	1	Blue Island
86	Hoffman, Francis	E	6-1	190	18	So.	1	DeKalb
11	Lindbeck, Em	QB	5-11	173	19	So.	1	Kewanee
28	Littleford, James	HB	5-9	180	19	So.	1	Vandalia
73	Mackris, Gus	T	6-2	225	23	Jr.	1	St. Louis (Soldan)
56	Markbreit, Jerry	G	5-10½	193	18	So.	1	Chicago (Hyde Park)
53	Mathews, Terry	C	6-1	185	20	So.	1	Kankakee (St. Patrick)
76	McAfee, Floyd	T	6-2	205	23	So.	1	Houston, Texas (Phyllis Wheatley)
57	Miller, Thomas	C	6-1	183	20	So.	1	Brazil, Ind.
52	Minor, James	C	6-3	200	19	So.	1	Chicago (Leo)
94	Mueller, Roger	E	6-1	190	24	So.	1	Detroit (Cath. Cent'l)
21	Ohls, Richard	HB	5-11	190	20	So.	1	Champaign
79	Phillips, Patrick	T	6-2	210	18	So.	1	Ashkum (St. Patrick-Kankakee)
82	Piggott, Richard	E	6-0	180	20	So.	1	Chicago (Crane)
36	Pollitt, James	FB	5-11	195	19	So.	1	Farmington
67	Rayborn, Randall	G	6-0	187	19	So.	1	Rushville
90	Renn, Dean	E	6-3	194	18	So.	1	West Frankfort
31	Rosenberg, Richard	FB	5-11	187	21	Jr.	1	Chicago (Sullivan)
65	Schiesser, Charles	T	5-11	210	23	So.	1	Chicago (Taft)
70	Siegert, Rudy	T	6-2	215	19	So.	1	Pana
66	Walsh, George	G	5-11	180	19	So.	1	Ivesdale (Atwood)
40	Williams, Willie	HB	5-8	163	22	Sr.	1	Gary, Ind. (Roosevelt)
91	Wiman, Robert	E	6-0	195	19	So.	1	Robinson
50	Yochem, Ronald	C	6-1	210	19	So.	1	Naperville
92	Yusko, Joseph	C	6-0	185	18	So.	1	West Frankfort

ALL-AMERICAN CANDIDATES FOR 1953

CAPT. ROBERT LENZINI

Senior from North Chicago. Stands 5 feet 11 inches, weighs 198 pounds.

Was shifted from guard to defensive tackle in 1952 Michigan game and responded with a performance which won him Lineman of the Week (Associated Press) honors.

SEE HONORS WON IN 1952 ON PAGE 12.

Background Facts:

1951

Bulled through Indiana line to block a punt and set up a touchdown.

Sparked Illinois goal-line stands in Wisconsin and Washington games.

As regular defensive guard, was consistently among the top three or four Illinois' defenders in number of unassisted tackles.

1952

Again was among top Illinois linemen in number of tackles. Shifted to tackle against Michigan. On first Michigan offensive play, Lenzini burst through the line and threw the Wolverines for an eight-yard loss. Later in the game, Lenzini smeared Michigan without gain on a third-down play on Illinois' nine-yard line. Was particularly successful in rushing opposing passers, causing interceptions and incompletions.

Lenzini is particularly agile for a lineman. He is an honor student in the College of Engineering.

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JOHN RYAN

Senior from Tolono. Stands 6 feet 1 inch, weight 190 pounds.

Fourth in nation in pass receptions during 1952 season, with 45 receptions for 714 yards and five touchdowns. Illinois' top scorer in 1952.

SEE HONORS WON IN 1952 ON PAGE 12.

Background Facts:

1951

Made touchdown catch in waning minutes of Illinois' 40-7 Rose Bowl victory over Stanford. Entered seven games during regular season, playing both offense and defense.

1952

Top Illinois' pass receiver and scorer. Third best receiver in Big Ten with 31 receptions for 422 yards and one touchdown. Scored Illinois' only touchdown against Wisconsin on 63-yard kickoff runback. Had banner day against Washington, with three touchdown receptions on plays covering 15, 24, and 78 yards. Threw key block on Illinois' first touchdown against Michigan.

Ryan is powerful, tall, and fast. Coach Ray Eliot believes he would be a great defensive halfback, but may not use him there in 1953, since finding a replacement at end on defense would be difficult.

ILLINOIS CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL TEAMS

1910 — (tied with Minnesota) — (not scored on); 1914; 1915 — (tied with Minnesota); 1918; 1919; 1923 — (tied with Michigan); 1927; 1928; 1946; 1951.

ILLINOIS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS — 1914 — (tied with Army); 1919 — (tied with Harvard and Notre Dame); 1923; 1927. Authority, Parke H. Davis in Spaldings' Guide.

BOWL GAME APPEARANCES — Jan. 1, 1947, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif., Illinois 45, U.C.L.A. 14; Jan. 1, 1952, Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif., Illinois 40, Stanford 7.

GAMES WITH SERVICE TEAMS

1917 — Nov. 29 — Illinois 28, Camp Funston 0, at Camp Funston, Kansas. The Army team, on which Patsy Clark (Illinois) played in 1918 as the 89th division Funston team, won the championship of the A.E.F.

1918 — Oct. 4 — Illinois 3, Chanute Field 0, at Chanute Field

Oct. 12 — Great Lakes 7, Illinois 0, on Illinois Field

Oct. 26 — Municipal Pier Ensign Training School (Chicago) 7, Illinois 0. This game was played behind closed gates with no spectators except sports writers. Influenza epidemic caused ban on public gatherings. Played on Illinois Field.

1942 — Nov. 21 — Great Lakes 6, Illinois 0, at Memorial Stadium

Nov. 28 — Illinois 20, Camp Grant 0, at Rockford

1943 — Sept. 11 — Camp Grant 23, Illinois 0, at Memorial Stadium

Sept. 18 — Iowa Seahawks 32, Illinois 18, at Memorial Stadium

1944 — Sept. 30 — Illinois 26, Great Lakes 26, at Great Lakes

1945 — Nov. 3 — Great Lakes 12, Illinois 6, at Memorial Stadium

DERIVATION OF "ILLINI"

The state of Illinois was named for the tribe of Indians which inhabited it — the "Illini" they were called, which meant "brave men." Illinois students, and especially the members of the athletic teams, are generally known as "Illini" (pronounced "Il-lye-nye"). Illinois football teams are alluded as "The Fighting Illini," which they have earned by famous battles against odds. In student life the Indian tradition is carried out. The society of varsity lettermen is called "The Tribe of Illini."

ILLINOIS colors — Orange and Blue

HOW ILLINOIS HAS FINISHED IN WESTERN CONFERENCE STANDINGS — 1896-1952

YEAR	RANK	YEAR	RANK
1896	No definite ranking	1924	Second (tie)
1897	Third	1925	Fourth (tie)
1898	No definite ranking	1926	Sixth (tie)
1899	Seventh	1927	FIRST
1900	No definite ranking	1928	FIRST
1901	Fourth	1929	Second
1902	Fifth	1930	Sixth
1903	Sixth	1931	Tenth
1904	Fourth	1932	Seventh
1905	Seventh	1933	Fifth (tie)
1906	Seventh	1934	Third
1907	Fifth	1935	Ninth
1908	Third	1936	Sixth
1909	Fourth	1937	Eighth
1910	FIRST	1938	Seventh
1911	Fourth	1939	Sixth
1912	Sixth	1940	Tenth
1913	Fifth (tie)	1941	Tenth
1914	FIRST	1942	Third (tie)
1915	FIRST (tie)	1943	Sixth
1916	Fifth	1944	Sixth
1917	Fifth	1945	Seventh
1918	FIRST	1946	FIRST
1919	FIRST	1947	Third (tie)
1920	Third	1948	Eighth
1921	Eighth	1949	Fifth (tie)
1922	Sixth	1950	Fourth
1923	FIRST (tie)	1951	FIRST
		1952	Sixth (tie)

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS FOOTBALL RECORDS 1890 to 1952

YEAR	WON	LOST	TIED	COACH	CAPTAIN
1890	1	2	0	Scott Williams	Scott Williams
1891	6	0	0	Robert Lackey	Robert W. Hart
1892	9	3	2	E. K. Hall	Robert W. Hart
1893	3	2	3	E. K. Hall	George Atherton
1894	5	3	0	Louis D. Vail	J. E. Pfeffer
1895	4	2	1	George Huff	Robert J. Hotchkiss
1896	4	2	1	George Huff	Charles E. Beebe
1897	5	2	0	Fred L. Smith	Don Sweney
1898	4	5	0	Fred L. Smith	Arthur R. Johnston
1899	3	5	1	Neilson Poe	E. C. McLane
1900	7	3	2	Fred L. Smith	Arthur R. Hall
1901	8	2	0	Edgar G. Holt	Justa M. Lindgren
1902	10	2	1	Edgar G. Holt	Garland (Jake) Stahl
1903	8	6	0	George Woodruff	Claude J. Rothgeb
1904	9	2	1	Alumni*	C. A. Fairweather

YEAR	WON	LOST	TIED	COACH	CAPTAIN
1905	5	4	0	Fred Lowenthal	C. J. Moynihan
1906	1	3	1	Justa Lindgren	Ira T. Carrithers
1907	3	2	0	Arthur R. Hall	Lion Gardiner
1908	5	1	1	Arthur R. Hall	F. C. VanHook
1909	5	2	0	Arthur R. Hall	Benjamin F. Baum
1910	7	0	0	Arthur R. Hall	G. D. Butzer
1911	4	2	1	Arthur R. Hall	Chester C. Roberts
1912	3	3	1	Arthur R. Hall	William H. Woolston
1913	4	2	1	Robert C. Zuppke	Enos M. Rowe
1914	7	0	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Ralph D. Chapman
1915	5	0	2	Robert C. Zuppke	John W. Watson
1916	3	3	1	Robert C. Zuppke	Frank B. Macomber
1917	5	2	1	Robert C. Zuppke	Reynold R. Kraft
1918	5	2	0	Robert C. Zuppke	**B. A. Ingwersen (Acting)
1919	6	1	0	Robert C. Zuppke	William K. Kopp
1920	5	2	0	Robert C. Zuppke	John C. Depler
1921	3	4	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Lawrence W. Walquist
1922	2	5	0	Robert C. Zuppke	David D. Wilson
1923	8	0	0	Robert C. Zuppke	James W. McMillen
1924	6	1	1	Robert C. Zuppke	Frank E. Rokusek
1925	5	3	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Harold E. Grange
1926	6	2	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Charles E. Kassel
1927	7	0	1	Robert C. Zuppke	Robert Reitsch
1928	7	1	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Albert J. Nowack
1929	6	1	1	Robert C. Zuppke	Russell J. Crane
1930	3	5	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Olaf E. Robinson
1931	2	6	1	Robert C. Zuppke	Gilbert Berry (Honorary)
1932	5	4	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Gilbert Berry
1933	5	3	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Herman Walser
1934	7	1	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Charles Bennis
					Jack Beynon
1935	3	5	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Charles S. Galbreath
1936	4	3	1	Robert C. Zuppke	Elvin C. Sayre
1937	3	3	2	Robert C. Zuppke	Lowell Spurgeon
1938	3	5	0	Robert C. Zuppke	James W. McDonald
1939	3	4	1	Robert C. Zuppke	Melvin Brewer
1940	1	7	0	Robert C. Zuppke	Thomas J. Riggs
1941	2	6	0	Robert C. Zuppke	***
1942	6	4	0	Ray Eliot	James Smith
1943	3	7	0	Ray Eliot	****John Genis
1944	5	5	1	Ray Eliot	*****
1945	2	6	1	Ray Eliot	Ralph Serpico
1946	8	2	0	Ray Eliot	Mac Wenskunas
1947	5	3	1	Ray Eliot	Art Dufelmeier
1948	3	6	0	Ray Eliot	Herb Siegert
1949	3	4	2	Ray Eliot	Lyle Button
1950	7	2	0	Ray Eliot	Bill Vohaska
1951	9	0	1	Ray Eliot	Charles Studley
1952	4	5	0	Ray Eliot	Alfred Brosky

*Arthur Hall, Justa Lindgren, Fred Lowenthal, Clyde Mathews

**E. C. Sternaman, captain-elect, in service

***Captain-elect ineligible

****Captain-elect in service

*****Captain appointed for each game

MEMORIAL STADIUM

The University of Illinois Memorial Stadium was made possible by more than 20,000 students, alumni, and other friends who contributed approximately \$1,700,000. This was later augmented by \$509,805 by the Athletic Association for flooring and walling of the West Great Hall, construction of the South Stand, and other additions to the structure, making the approximate total building cost of the Stadium \$2,245,441. In addition, more than \$250,000 have been spent in the last six years on a rehabilitation program.

The Stadium is an impressive memorial to the men of Illinois who gave their lives to their country in the first World War. Their names appear, one to a column, on the 200 columns composing the memorial colonnades which surmount the east and west stands.

STADIUM SEATING CAPACITY

East Main Stand	17,709
West Main Stand	17,710
East Balcony	9,977
West Balcony	9,572
Boxes	892
South Stand	10,712
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Total Capacity	66,572*

(*Does not include temporary bleachers)

Seventy-one per cent of the seats are along the sides of the gridiron "between the goal posts." No other major stadium seats such a large percentage there.

OPENED, 1923 — DEDICATED, 1924. Memorial Stadium was opened Nov. 3, 1923, Homecoming, when Chicago was defeated 7 to 0. Red Grange, a sophomore, scored the Illinois touchdown.

The Stadium was dedicated Oct. 18, 1924, also Homecoming — Illinois 39, Michigan 14.

GRANGE'S FEATS Oct. 18, 1924 — Against Michigan, in the first ten minutes, Grange made four runs for touchdowns as follows: 95 yards (on kickoff); 70 yards; 57 yards; 43 yards. Grange had his hands on the ball six times. He left the game before the quarter ended.

In the third quarter, Grange ran 13 yards for his fifth touchdown. In the fourth quarter, he threw a pass to Leonard for the sixth Illinois touchdown.

He played 41 minutes, gained 402 yards, carried the ball 21 times, and completed six passes for 64 yards. Grange also held the ball for Earl Britton on tries for goals after touchdown.

It took 45 minutes to play the first quarter because so much time was taken out for kickoffs.

CAPACITY CROWDS

Memorial Stadium was filled to capacity for the following 12 games:

- *1923 — Chicago, 60,232 (Stadium opening)
- 1924 — Michigan, 66,609 (Stadium dedication)
- 1925 — Michigan, 67,886 (Homecoming)
Chicago, 68,798
- 1929 — Army, 69,509
- **1946 — Notre Dame, 75,119
- 1947 — Michigan, 71,119 (Homecoming)
- 1948 — Army, 71,119
- 1949 — Michigan, 71,119
- 1950 — Ohio State, 71,119
- 1951 — Michigan, 71,119
- 1952 — Purdue, 71,119

Other large crowds were: 1926 — Pennsylvania, 58,661; 1927 — Michigan, 63,101; 1928 — Northwestern, 59,871; 1929 — Michigan, 54,333; 1930 — Northwestern, 52,687; 1934 — Army, 48,540; 1937 — Notre Dame, 42,253; 1940 — Notre Dame, 63,186; 1944 — Notre Dame, 65,114; 1945 — Michigan, 54,572; 1946 — Wisconsin, 62,597, and Ohio State, 61,519; 1947 — Minnesota, 56,048, and Northwestern, 52,158; 1948 — Ohio State, 65,732; 1949 — Northwestern, 67,872; 1950 — Wisconsin, 54,230, and Indiana, 65,021; 1952 — Ohio State, 60,077.

AWAY FROM HOME — Largest crowd Illinois ever played before: 1950 — Michigan at Ann Arbor, 97,239.

Other large crowds away: 1925 — At Pennsylvania, 69,000 and Ohio State at Columbus (Grange's last game), 72,658; 1928 — Michigan at Ann Arbor, 78,229; 1929 — Ohio State at Columbus, 64,869; 1930 — Army at New York, 68,180; 1944 — Ohio State at Cleveland, 83,627; 1945 — Ohio State at Columbus, 70,287; 1946 — Michigan at Ann Arbor, 85,938; 1947 — U.C.L.A. in Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif., 93,083, Iowa at Iowa City, 52,294, Army at Yankee Stadium, New York, 65,000, and Ohio State at Columbus, 70,036; 1948 — Michigan at Ann Arbor, 89,938, and Minnesota at Minneapolis, 62,066; 1949 — Ohio State at Columbus, 81,085; 1951 — Ohio State at Columbus, 79,547; 1952 — Stanford in Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif., 96,825.

*NOTE — Stadium incomplete in 1923. Permanent South Stand erected in 1929.

**NOTE — Chair seats set up as field boxes.

HIGHEST SCORE BY ILLINOIS: 1912 — Illinois 87, Illinois Wesleyan 3

HIGHEST SCORE AGAINST CONFERENCE OPPONENT: 1902 — Illinois 80, Iowa 0

HIGHEST SCORE BY A ZUPPKE TEAM: 1915 — Illinois 75, Rolla School of Mines 7

HIGHEST SCORE AGAINST ILLINOIS: 1906 — Chicago 63, Illinois 0

HIGHEST SCORE AGAINST ZUPPKE TEAM: 1931 — Ohio State 40, Illinois 0

HIGHEST SCORE IN MEMORIAL STADIUM: 1944 — Illinois 79, Illinois Normal 0

HIGHEST SCORE AGAINST ILLINOIS IN MEMORIAL STADIUM: 1943 — Michigan 42, Illinois 6

ILLINOIS RECORD IN MEMORIAL STADIUM: Won 85, Lost 50, Tied 6

1952 RECORDS OF ILLINOIS' OPPONENTS

NEBRASKA

NEBRASKA	OPPONENT
46	South Dakota 0
28	Oregon 13
16	Iowa State 0
27	Kansas State 14
0	Penn State 10
16	Colorado 16
6	Missouri 10
14	Kansas 13
7	Minnesota 13
13	Oklahoma 34

(Won 5, Lost 4, Tied 1)

OHIO STATE

OHIO STATE	OPPONENT
33	Indiana 13
14	Purdue 21
23	Wisconsin 14
35	Washington State 7
0	Iowa 8
24	Northwestern 21
14	Pittsburgh 21
27	Illinois 7
27	Michigan 7

(Won 6, Lost 3)

SYRACUSE

SYRACUSE	OPPONENT
12	Bolling Air Force Base 13
34	Boston University 21
27	Temple 0
26	Cornell 6
7	Michigan State 48
20	Holy Cross 19
25	Penn State 7
20	Colgate 14
26	Fordham 13
6	Alabama (Orange Bowl) 61

(Won 7, Lost 3)

MICHIGAN

MICHIGAN	OPPONENT
13	Michigan State 27
7	Stanford 14
28	Indiana 13
48	Northwestern 14
21	Minnesota 0
13	Illinois 22
49	Cornell 7
21	Purdue 10
7	Ohio State 27

(Won 5, Lost 4)

STANFORD

STANFORD	OPPONENT
28	Santa Clara 13
14	Washington State 13
14	Michigan 7
41	Oregon State 28
14	U.C.L.A. 24
14	University of Washington 27
35	San Jose State 13
7	Southern California 54
20	University of Oregon 21
0	California 26

(Won 5, Lost 5)

MINNESOTA

MINNESOTA	OPPONENT
14	Washington 19
13	California 49
27	Northwestern 26
13	Illinois 7
0	Michigan 21
17	Iowa 7
14	Purdue 14
13	Nebraska 7
21	Wisconsin 21

(Won 4, Lost 3, Tied 2)

PURDUE

PURDUE	OPPONENT
20	Penn State 20
21	Ohio State 14
41	Iowa 14
14	Notre Dame 26
40	Illinois 12
7	Michigan State 14
14	Minnesota 14
10	Michigan 21
21	Indiana 16

(Won 4, Lost 3, Tied 2)

WISCONSIN

WISCONSIN	OPPONENT
42	Marquette 19
20	Illinois 6
14	Ohio State 23
42	Iowa 13
7	U.C.L.A. 20
21	Rice 7
24	Northwestern 20
37	Indiana 14
21	Minnesota 21
0	Sthn. California (Rose Bowl) 7

(Won 6, Lost 3, Tied 1)

NORTHWESTERN

NORTHWESTERN	OPPONENT	NORTHWESTERN	OPPONENT	
0	Southern California	31	21 Ohio State	24
20	Vanderbilt	20	20 Wisconsin	24
26	Minnesota	27	14 Iowa	39
14	Michigan	48	28 Illinois	26
23	Indiana	13	(Won 2, Lost 6, Tied 1)	

1953 WESTERN CONFERENCE SCHEDULES NEBRASKA, STANFORD, AND SYRACUSE FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

(Games at home unless otherwise noted)

ILLINOIS

Sept. 26 — Nebraska
Oct. 3 — Stanford
Oct. 10 — At Ohio State
Oct. 17 — Minnesota
Oct. 24 — Syracuse
Oct. 31 — Purdue
Nov. 7 — Michigan
Nov. 14 — At Wisconsin
Nov. 21 — At Northwestern

STANFORD

Sept. 19 — College of Pacific
Sept. 26 — Oregon
Oct. 3 — At Illinois
Oct. 10 — At Oregon
Oct. 17 — U.C.L.A.
Oct. 24 — At Washington
Oct. 31 — Washington State
Nov. 7 — At Southern California
Nov. 14 — San Jose State
Nov. 21 — California

MINNESOTA

Sept. 26 — At Southern California
Oct. 3 — Michigan State
Oct. 10 — At Northwestern
Oct. 17 — At Illinois
Oct. 24 — Michigan
Oct. 31 — Pittsburgh
Nov. 7 — Indiana
Nov. 14 — At Iowa
Nov. 21 — Wisconsin

NEBRASKA

Sept. 19 — Oregon
Sept. 26 — At Illinois
Oct. 3 — At Kansas State
Oct. 10 — At Pittsburgh
Oct. 17 — Miami
Oct. 24 — At Missouri
Oct. 31 — Kansas
Nov. 7 — At Iowa State
Nov. 14 — Colorado
Nov. 21 — Oklahoma

OHIO STATE

Sept. 26 — Indiana
Oct. 3 — At California
Oct. 10 — Illinois
Oct. 17 — At Pennsylvania
Oct. 24 — At Wisconsin
Oct. 31 — Northwestern
Nov. 7 — Michigan State
Nov. 14 — Purdue
Nov. 21 — At Michigan

SYRACUSE

Sept. 26 — Temple (Night)
Oct. 2 — Boston (Night)
Oct. 10 — Fordham
Oct. 17 — At Penn State
Oct. 24 — At Illinois
Oct. 31 — At Holy Cross
Nov. 7 — At Cornell
Nov. 14 — Colgate

1953 WESTERN CONFERENCE SCHEDULES

NEBRASKA, STANFORD, AND SYRACUSE FOOTBALL SCHEDULES (Cont'd)

PURDUE

Sept. 26 — At Missouri
Oct. 3 — Notre Dame
Oct. 10 — At Duke
Oct. 17 — Wisconsin
Oct. 24 — Michigan State
Oct. 31 — At Illinois
Nov. 7 — Iowa
Nov. 14 — At Ohio State
Nov. 21 — At Indiana

MICHIGAN

Sept. 26 — Washington
Oct. 3 — Tulane
Oct. 10 — Iowa
Oct. 17 — Northwestern
Oct. 24 — At Minnesota
Oct. 31 — Pennsylvania
Nov. 7 — At Illinois
Nov. 14 — At Michigan State
Nov. 21 — Ohio State

WISCONSIN

Sept. 26 — Penn State
Oct. 3 — Marquette
Oct. 9 — U.C.L.A. (Night)
Oct. 17 — At Purdue
Oct. 24 — Ohio
Oct. 31 — Iowa
Nov. 7 — At Northwestern
Nov. 14 — Illinois
Nov. 21 — At Minnesota

NORTHWESTERN

Sept. 26 — Iowa State
Oct. 3 — Army
Oct. 10 — Minnesota
Oct. 17 — At Michigan
Oct. 24 — Pittsburgh
Oct. 31 — At Ohio State
Nov. 7 — Wisconsin
Nov. 14 — At Indiana
Nov. 21 — Illinois

INDIANA

Sept. 26 — At Ohio State
Oct. 2 — At South'n Calif. (Night)
Oct. 10 — Marquette
Oct. 17 — At Michigan State
Oct. 24 — At Iowa
Oct. 31 — Missouri
Nov. 7 — At Minnesota
Nov. 14 — Northwestern
Nov. 21 — Purdue

IOWA

Sept. 26 — Michigan State
Oct. 3 — Washington State
Oct. 10 — At Michigan
Oct. 17 — Wyoming
Oct. 24 — Indiana
Oct. 31 — At Wisconsin
Nov. 7 — At Purdue
Nov. 14 — Minnesota
Nov. 21 — At Notre Dame

MICHIGAN STATE

Sept. 26 — At Iowa
Oct. 3 — At Minnesota
Oct. 10 — Texas Christian
Oct. 17 — Indiana
Oct. 24 — At Purdue

Oct. 31 — Oregon State
Nov. 7 — At Ohio State
Nov. 14 — Michigan
Nov. 21 — Marquette

1953 FINAL ILLINOIS FOOTBALL STATISTICS

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
ILLINOIS	61	75	39	19	194
OPPONENTS	26	35	60	54	175

TEAM	Illinois	Opponents
Points Scored	194	147
First Downs	139	137
By Rushing	57	95
By Passing	79	34
By Penalties	3	8
Net Yards Gained Rushing	1090	1858
Net Yards Gained Passing	1929	932
Total Net Yards Gained	3019	2790
Number of Rushes	304	485
Yards Gained Rushing	1309	2112
Yards Lost Rushing	219	254
Number of Passes Attempted	245	175
Number of Passes Completed	141	73
Number of Passes Had Intercepted	20	22
Total Plays Rushing and Passing	549	660
Number of Punts	44	49
Average Yardage Punts	40.6	30.9
Punts Had Blocked	0	2
Number of Kickoffs	38	35
Number of Punt Returns	17	24
Yardage of Punt Returns	98	128
Number of Kickoff Returns	30	32
Number of Interception Returns	22	20
Yardage Interception Returns	180	216
Number of Fumbles	27	27
Lost Ball on Fumbles	18	17
Number of Penalties	67	52
Yards Lost on Penalties	656	440

INDIVIDUAL

Rushing

Player	Tries	Net	Ave.	Player	Tries	Net	Ave
Sopkin	1	15	15.0	Miller K.	19	71	3.7
Bachouros	95	484	5.1	Neathery	1	3	3.0
Ellis	2	10	5.0	Swienton	5	10	2.0
Tate, W.	26	112	4.3	Sanfilipo	2	3	1.5
DeMoss	69	292	4.2	Gongola	9	-1	—
Stewart	8	32	4.0	Falkenstein	4	-10	—
Duke	27	106	3.9	O'Connell	36	-37	—

Passing

Player	Att.	Compl.	Intc.	Yds.	TD	Ave.
Duke	1	1	0	50	1	1.000
O'Connell	224	133	17	1761	12	.599
Bachouros	2	1	0	21	0	.500
Falkenstein	14	5	3	85	0	.357
Gongola	3	1	0	12	0	.333
Smith	1	0	0	0	0	.000

1953 FINAL ILLINOIS FOOTBALL STATISTICS

(Cont'd)

				Pass Receiving			
PLAYER	No.	Yds.	TD	PLAYER	No.	Yds.	TD
Ryan	45	714	5	DeMoss	3	37	0
Smith	45	642	4	Wodziak	3	31	0
Bachouros	20	219	2	Stevens	2	22	0
Duke	13	124	1	Stewart	1	13	0
Swienton	5	72	0	Miller, K.	1	- 2	0
Gongola	3	57	0				

Punting		
PLAYER	No.	Ave.
Tate, W.	2	60.5
Gongola	7	40.3
Miller, K.	35	39.9

Scoring							
PLAYER	TD	PAT	TP	PLAYER	TD	PAT	TP
Ryan	6	0	36	Miller, R.	0	15	15
Bachouros	5	0	30	Miller, K.	1	0	6
O'Connell	4	0	24	Waldbeser	1	0	6
Smith	4	0	24	Wodziak	1	0	6
Duke	3	0	18	Swienton	1	0	6
DeMoss	3	0	18	Stevens	0	3	3

ILLINOIS' RANK IN FINAL BIG TEN STATISTICS, 1952

Total Points Scored, Average Per Game.....	Sixth (16.1)
Total Opponents' Points Allowed, Average Per Game.....	Sixth (22.0)
Total First Downs, Average Per Game.....	Fourth (15.7)
Total Opponents' First Downs Allowed, Average Per Game.....	Sixth (15.3)
Total Offense, Average Yards Per Game.....	Sixth (318.6)
Total Defense, Average Yards Per Game.....	Fifth (331.7)
Rushing Offense, Average Yards Per Game.....	Ninth (126.4)
Passing Offense, Average Yards Per Game.....	First (192.1)
Rushing Defense, Average Yards Per Game.....	Eighth (229.6)
Pass Defense, Average Yards Per Game.....	First (102.1)
Average Yards Gained Per Play.....	Second (5.2)
Pass Completions, Average Per Game.....	First (15.7)
Pass Completion Percentage.....	Second (.561)
Number Pass Interceptions, Average Per Game.....	Second (2.0)
Punting, Average Distance Per Kick.....	First (42.4)
Team Ranking, based on comparative grading, offensively and defensively, of yards gained, first downs and points scored	Offense Sixth Defense Sixth

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

ALL-AMERICAN FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Ralph Chapman, Guard.....	1914
Bart Macomber, Halfback.....	1915
Charles Carney, End.....	1920
Jim McMillen, Guard.....	1923
Harold E. "Red" Grange, Halfback.....	1923-24-25
Bernie Shively, Guard.....	1926
Russ Crane, Guard.....	1927
A. J. "Butch" Nowack, Tackle.....	1928
Lou Gordon, Tackle.....	1929
Jim Reeder, Tackle.....	1939
Alex Agase, Guard.....	1942-43-46
Claude "Buddy" Young, Halfback.....	1944
William Vohaska, Center.....	1950
Albert Tate, Tackle.....	1950
Alfred Brosky, Safety.....	1951
Johnny Karras, Halfback.....	1951

Other Players Who Ranked High Nationally

F. C. Van Hook, Guard.....	1906-07-08
J. F. Twist, Center.....	1910
G. D. Butzer, Guard.....	1910
Otto Seiler, Quarterback.....	1910
Harold Pogue, Halfback.....	1914
J. W. Watson, Center.....	1915
C. K. Squier, End.....	1915
J. C. Depler, Center.....	1918
C. O. Applegran, Guard.....	1919
Burt Ingwersen, Tackle.....	1919
Jack Crangle, Fullback.....	1920
C. E. Kassel, End.....	1925
Robert Reitsch, Center.....	1926-27
J. A. Timm, Halfback.....	1928
Gilbert Berry, Halfback.....	1932
Lester Lindberg, Halfback.....	1935
James McDonald, Center.....	1938
Ralph Serpico, Guard.....	1944
Ike Owens, End.....	1947
Russ Steger, Fullback.....	1947
Richard Raklovits, Fullback.....	1950
Charles Ulrich, Tackle.....	1951
Charles Boerio, Linebacker.....	1951
Tommy O'Connell, Quarterback.....	1952

MEET THE FIGHTING ILLINI



BORMAN, HERB, is typical of small, hard-hitting players who have handled both linebacking and center chores for Illinois teams of recent years. Only 6-0, 185 pounds, Borman was a regular linebacker during the 1952 season, but he also has shown ability in the offensive pivot spot and is one of two leading candidates for the starting position this fall. When first-string center Dan Sabino was forced to the sidelines with an injury at Washington two years ago, Herb finished the game with heroic work against one of the toughest defensive lines west of the Rockies. Borman is respected by teammates for his excellent competitive spirit. He is a 21-year-old senior. High School Coaches: Jim Stahl and J. M. Taylo.

BATES, MELVIN, came to Illinois with Quarterback Em Lindbeck from Kewanee's Northwest Conference championship football team of 1951. Bates, hard-running halfback with good speed, won all-state honors at Kewanee, where he participated in football, basketball, track, and baseball. "Mickey" ran well in spring practice and the intra-squad game. He stands 6-0, weighs 190, and is a 19-year-old liberal arts and sciences student. High School Coach: Helmut Brockman.

BAUER, JOHN, should be a good "two way" guard. Most of his university experience has been on offense, yet his 235 pounds on a 6-4 frame equip him well for anchoring the center of the line. An all-state prep fullback at Benton high, where he won 13 letters in four sports, Bauer is an excellent weight man for Illinois' track team, and his 1953 shot put of 53-3½ is the second best in school history. He still holds the state interscholastic 12-pound shot put record of 56-5½. "Buckwheat" is a 21-year-old-senior. High School Coaches: Don Anderson and Leon Dailey.

WALLACE, STANLEY, was a regular defensive halfback for the Illini during 1951 and 1952 seasons. A rugged 6-3, 193-pound all-around athlete (he was an all-state choice in both football and basketball at Hillsboro high), Wallace is being groomed this season as a fullback. Tall and fast, Wallace's pass-catching ability has been proven on defense, and his ball carrying showed improvement during spring drills. His hard-charging running style fits him well for a fullback role. An excellent competitor, Wallace kept right on playing last season after suffering a hip injury, and filled his defensive role well. He had a good sophomore season, too, capping it with a superior performance against Stanford in the Rose Bowl. It was his interception and 53-yard runback that turned the tide and set up Illinois' second touchdown. Age: 21. High School Coach: Fred Ewald.



CAROLINE, J. C., All-American prep halfback at Booker T. Washington high, Columbia, S. C., is often mentioned in the same breath with "Buddy" Young. Although he isn't as fast as Young, Caroline has good speed, and he's an excellent runner. J. C.—he says he has no first name—led his team to 1951 South Carolina prep championship. He was an all-around athlete, winning 12 letters in four sports. "Tornado" carried 15 times and averaged 4.9 yards per try in the spring intra-squad game, although playing with the losing team. He has played defense in high school, and shows promise in that department, too. J. C., 20-year-old sophomore, stands 6-0 and weighs 184. High School Coach: John McHugh.

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WOLF, ROGER, junior tackle who moved into the offensive starting lineup last season following an injury to Bernie Elsner, has shown rapid improvement since coming to Illinois from West Aurora high. Wolf played only one year of high school football, but has the strength and willingness to become a good Big Ten lineman. His collegiate experience has been mainly offensive, yet he has played some defense and should adjust quickly to the "single platoon" system. He is 19, stands 6-1, weighs 212. High School Coach: Ken Zimmerman.

CHAMBLIN, JACK, has never won a collegiate letter, yet he ranks as a leading candidate for the starting center position. A 1948 all-state fullback at Robinson high, Jack shifted to the line as a plebe at West Point. He stayed in that position after transferring to Illinois and his play last spring was impressive both on offense and backing up the line. He is an excellent competitor, thrives on contact, and has shown ruggedness so necessary to a Big Ten lineman. The 5-11, 195-pound junior is majoring in geology. He is 21 years old. High School Coach: Merle Crosby.



DeMOSS, CLARENCE "BUD," is best known for his speed, but also rates as one of Illinois' better blockers. The Villa Park (York) halfback got a starting berth as a sophomore during the 1952 season when Austin Duke was injured. He came through with a 4.2 yard average in 69 carries, scoring three touchdowns. He ranked fifth among Illini in both departments. A dash man for the Illinois track team, DeMoss can use his speed to advantage on defense, too. The 5-10, 180-pound junior's biggest thrill in football was a 45-yard jaunt against Stanford in the 1952 Rose Bowl, setting up a touchdown in Illinois' 40-7 victory. DeMoss, 21, is studying commerce and law. High School Coach: Robert Ferry.

KOHLHAGEN, RICHARD, 6-2, 195-pound senior lineman from West Rockford high, is small for a Big Ten tackle, but uses mobility and speed to overcome the disadvantage. Dick improved rapidly during early portion of last season. By the Purdue game, he was a defensive starter at right tackle. He played well against Purdue, started the Michigan game, and played a major part in Illinois' tenacious defensive play, blocking an early Wolverine punt to set up the first score, a safety. If he can adjust to offensive play, Kohlhausen will figure in plans for 1953. He is 21 years old, a student in commerce. High School Coach: Milo Willson.

ERNST, DON, is an honor student who also excels on the football field. He was virtually "unknown" when he came to Illinois from Chicago's Foreman high, where he played offensive center, winning two letters. He was converted to defensive guard and won a starting position as a sophomore when he spearheaded a goal line stand against Wisconsin—a stand which preserved an important Big Ten victory and started Illinois on the road to a conference championship and Rose Bowl win. Ernst continued as a defensive regular last season. With his background of offensive prep play, he should adjust rapidly to the "one platoon" system. Don, 21-year-old senior, is working toward a degree in medicine. He stands 6-0, and weighs 192 pounds. High School Coach: Jack Maloff.

McAFEE, FLOYD, is probably the fastest big man (6-2, 205 pounds) on the 1953 squad. A 23-year-old veteran of four years as an Army Paratrooper, he played at Phillis Wheatley high, Houston, Texas, before entering service. His quick movements and love of contact attracted coaches' attention quickly, and he is bidding for a starting berth at tackle in his sophomore year. High School Coach: John Cowdell.

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LENZINI, ROBERT, 1953 Captain-elect, was moved from guard to tackle for last season's Michigan game, and responded with a performance which won him "Lineman of the Week" honors. With his team fighting to hold its lead in the second half, Lenzini twice dropped Michigan runners for losses within the Illinois ten-yard line. He continued at defensive left tackle through the remainder of the schedule, and maintained his high rating among Illinois defenders. The 5-11, 200-pound senior from North Chicago (Waukegan), a standout in the classroom as well as on the football field, demonstrated in spring practice that he has ability to go "two ways." Bob, 21-year-old senior in the college of engineering, was placed on the 1952 All-American Academic Football Team. High School Coach: John Burnison.



FALKENSTEIN, ERLY, excels at throwing long and accurate passes. A 5-10, 182-pound senior from Naperville, he is bidding for the 1953 starting quarterback post. He understudied Tommy O'Connell last year, and thus didn't spend much time on the field. However, he attempted 14 passes, and completed five for 85 yards. Elry won all-state honors in 1948, then put in two years on Illinois freshman and J-V teams. He won nine letters in four sports while a prep, and played both offense and defense for the football team. Age: 22. High School Coach: John Harshbarger.

YOCHER, RONALD, hard-working sophomore from Naperville high, gives insurance at center, where he has shown ability both on offense and as a line-backer. Ron, 20-year-old, 6-1, 210-pound liberal arts student, with experience could develop into a top-notch Big Ten center. He won numerous honors as a prep, and his rugged defensive work was instrumental in bringing Naperville a 1951 conference championship. As a prep, Yocher also competed in track and baseball. High School Coach: John Harshbarger.

GONGOLA, ROBERT, 6-2½, 178-pound quarterback, may be the answer to Coach Eliot's desire for a passer tall enough to see over heads of onrushing linemen. The Chicago (Weber) junior has a fine throwing arm, is an excellent punter, and must be regarded as a major contender for the starting quarterback position. As 1952 understudy for Tommy O'Connell, Bob had little chance to direct the Illini. When he did get into games he performed well. He punted seven times, averaging 40.3 yards, passed once for 12 yards, and while playing halfback caught three passes for 57 yards. His confidence under pressure is impressive, and his height gives him an advantage on pass defense. Age: 20. High School Coach: Al McGuff.

GROTHER, DON, is a product of the same prep school and the same coach as End "Rocky" Ryan. Already "Poison" shows promise of being a good Big Ten halfback. He loves contact, blocks and tackles well, and has a tricky running style which keeps defenders off balance. For his size, 5-10, 175 pounds, the 19-year-old sophomore has tremendous power. He won 14 letters in four sports and was an all-state football player at Tolono high. High School Coach: Howard Barnes.

HOFFMAN, FRANCIS, 6-1, 190-pound sophomore end from DeKalb, was named on every major all-state prep team at end of the 1951 season. He won a starting berth in the spring intrasquad game, displaying ability both offensively and defensively. Hoffman, 18, starred in football, basketball, and baseball as a prep, winning ten letters. High School Coach: Rudy Novak.

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MILLER, KENNETH, is a "perfect" candidate for fullback if he can shake the injury jinx which has plagued his past football activity with the Illini. This 6-2, 200-pound senior from Bloomington has distinguished himself as one of Illinois' all-time great punters, averaging practically 40 yards in 35 punts during the 1952 season. Only injuries have prevented Ken from starring in other departments. A bruised rib bothered him throughout the 1952 season. In 1953 spring practice he suffered a broken hand during the first week of scrimmage. But Miller is an excellent runner and a good line backing prospect. Against Michigan last year, Ken paced Illinois' running attack, making a beautiful 26-yard jaunt for the first touchdown. He is 21, and married. High School Coach: Howard Saar.



TATE, DONALD, was a standout tackle as a freshman two years ago, and continued to fill All-American brother Al's shoes as an Illini through the 1952 season. He is being switched to guard this year to take advantage of his speed and offensive blocking potential. In spring practice he showed promise at the new position. "Bucky" was an All-American prep tackle at New Castle, Pa., and was named to the 1951 All-American freshman team by United Press. He stands 6-0, weighs 200 pounds, and is a 19-year-old commerce student. High School Coach: Philip Bridenbaugh.

LUHRSEN, PAUL, 6-2, 210-pound senior from Elmhurst's York high, is bidding for a regular assignment, either at center or guard. He played offensive center behind dependable Dan Sabino last season, but has also gained reputation as a rugged defensive linebacker. His talents may be used at guard this year. "Swede" lettered in football, basketball, and track in high school. He is 21, enrolled in commerce. High School Coach: Bob Ferry.

LINDBECK, EM, stands a good chance to make the big jump from prep football to Big Ten quarterback as a sophomore. A four sport star at Kewanee, where he was all-conference in football, basketball, and baseball, Em nevertheless failed to gain major all-state recognition. But at Illinois his passing, running, and signal calling was so impressive that he was named honorary freshman captain by his teammates. He played safety on defense at Kewanee, a factor which gives him an advantage under the new substitution rule. Em was offered a class "B" baseball contract following graduation from high school. Faced with choice between professional baseball and eligibility for college sports, he chose the latter and came to Illinois. He is 19, stands 5-11, weighs 173. High School Coach: Helmut Brockman.



WALDBESER, CLIFF, 1952 defensive right end from Morton, encouraged coaches during spring drills with his excellent offensive work. Waldbeser has height, speed, and hands for a fine offensive end, and with his experience on defense should make a capable "two way" performer. The 6-1, 190-pound senior was a starter when Illinois overwhelmed Stanford 40-7 in the 1952 Rose Bowl. He was handicapped by injury early last season, and missed the last three games because of a shoulder separation. Still, he picked a fumble out of the air and dashed 72 yards for a touchdown in the Iowa State opener, and against Washington he was Illinois' leading tackler. He was consistently among the tops in unassisted tackles.

Cliff is 21 years old. High School Coach: William F. Turner.

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VERNASCO, WALTER, came to Illinois as a single wing blocking back from Mishawaka, Ind. He was converted to end, where it was hoped he would follow in the footsteps of his brother, Joe, fine flanker on the 1951 Big Ten championship team. When a need for offensive guards arose last season, Wally was shifted to that position, and won a starting berth with his excellent blocking. Since his freshman experience at end was mainly on defense, he should adjust to the new substitution rule. Just a junior, the 5-11, 204-pound veteran has an excellent future in Big Ten football. He is 21 years old. High School Coach: Eugene Dykstra.

WIMAN, ROBERT, 6-foot, 195-pound sophomore end, is regarded as a good prospect, but probably needs collegiate experience. He backed the line for 1950 and 1951 undefeated Robinson high teams, preparing him well for defensive assignments. He combines blocking ability with fair speed and good hands on offense. Wiman won nine prep letters, four in track, three in football, and two in basketball. He is 19 years old and is studying industrial education. High School Coaches: Frank Hunsacker and Leo Shutt.

PALMER, PETE, senior from St. Louis, Mo. (Clayton), has developed as a tackle through experience on the 1951 J-V team and last year's varsity. He saw service as an offensive right tackle during the 1952 season. He is big (6-4, 225 pounds), and strong, qualities which make him a valuable squad member. Palmer is an accomplished singer, having played leads in University musicals as well as singing with the St. Louis Municipal Opera Company during summer vacations. He is 21. High School Coach: Tom McConnell.



RYAN, JOHN "Rocky," was fourth in the nation in pass receiving during the 1952 season. The 6-1, 190-pound redhead from Tolono, definitely one of the nation's outstanding offensive ends, led Illinois both in pass receiving and scoring. Ryan returns to his left end position determined to prove his ability defensively, a role for which he has necessary size and speed. The rugged senior played six-man prep football, but quickly converted to the eleven-man game. He came into his own last season, when he scored six touchdowns and caught 45 aerials for 714 yards. His best day came against Washington, when he snared tosses from Tommy O'Connell for three touchdowns. Against Wisconsin, Ryan proved his running

ability by returning a kickoff 63 yards for a touchdown. Moved to left halfback at Michigan, Ryan twice carried the Illini to the one-yard line with fine receptions and runs as his team scored a 22-13 upset over the Wolverines. He is 21 years old. High School Coach: Howard Barnes.

SIEGERT, RUDY, follows in the footsteps of two cousins, Herb and Wayne, as an Illinois lineman. His greatest need as a sophomore will be for Big Ten experience, since he has average size for a tackle (6-2, 215 pounds) and tremendous desire to make good. Siegert was an all-state tackle at Pana high, where he also lettered in basketball and track. He showed improvement while playing with the 1952 freshman team, and in spring practice. Rudy is a 19-year-old geology student. High School Coach: Ewald Metzger.

SMID, JAN, 5-11, 196-pound junior guard from River Grove, thrives on contact, and makes up for his lack of size with aggressiveness and determination. Jan came into his own midway through the 1952 season and won a defensive starting position for the Michigan game. He responded with excellent play and continued as a defensive regular through the remainder of the season. Smid was all-state at Leyden high. He is 20 years old. High School Coach: George Bujan.

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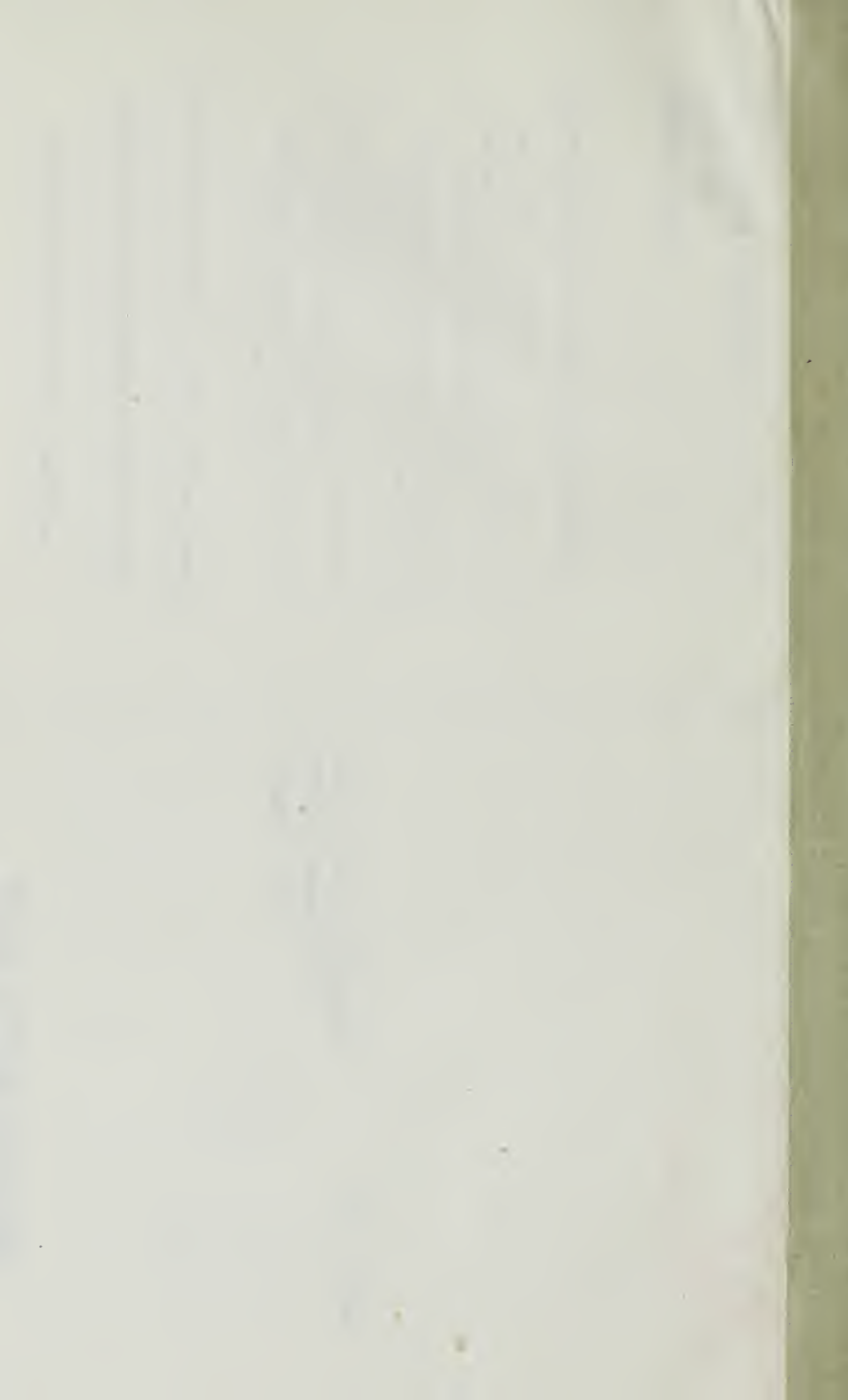
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